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MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Baptist Chapel, Sampson Co., N. C.,

Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2, 1877.

Eld. A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator, Giles' Mills, N. C.
G. W. HIGHSMITH, Clerk, Clinton, N. C.

RALEIGH:
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JANUARY, 1878.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Reading Church Letters and enrolling delegates.
2d. Election of Officers.
3d. Invitation to corresponding delegates and visitors.
4th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5th. Appointment of Committees.
6th. Selection of place for next session.
7th. Reports of Committees.
8th. Miscellaneous Business.
9th. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, SAMPSON CO., N. C.

November 30th, 1877.

The First Session of the South River Baptist Association met with the church at Baptist Chapel, Sampson county, on Friday, Nov. 30th, 1877.

The weather being so very cold, the Introductory Sermon was dispensed with.

On motion, Elder A. B. Alderman was elected Moderator, pro tem.; Isham Royal, Clerk; D. R. Autry, Assistant Clerk.

On motion, called for petitioning letters. Nine churches from the Cedar Creek Association and one from the Eastern presented their letters; also their church letters were read and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Salem.—Elder H. S. Spivey, Isham Royall and J. C. Howard.
Mt. Elam.—B. Warren, T. N. Jackson and Wm. Strickland.
Concord.—Elder R. Fisher, J. B. Downing and D J. Davis.
Baptist Chapel.—Elder A. B. Alderman, Elder S. C. Page and H. J. Lockamy.
Long Branch.—Jas. L. Autry, J. W. Autry and D. R. Autry.
Lilly's Grove.—Elder J. T. Townsend and S. J. Guy.
Spring Branch.—Elder S. Williford, L. W. Strickland and Jos. Naylor.
Pine Green.—Elder D. W. Tew, W. B. Royall and J. O. Tew.
White Oak.—A. C. Crumpler, W. J. Faircloth and Jos. Herring.
Brown's.—Elder H. J. Duncan, G. W. Highsmith and H. G. Britt.

Appointed J. C. Howard and Eld. S. Williford a Committee on Finance.

On motion, proceeded to election of officers, and appointed tellers to superintend election, as follows:

Moderator: G. W. Highsmith and H. J. Lockamy; Clerk: A. J. Cooper and Cephas Page, Treasurer: J. T. Townsend and R. Fisher.

Result: Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator; G. W. Highsmith, Clerk; Jas. L. Autry, Treasurer.

On motion, took recess of half an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of this church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

Isham Royall, chairman committee on Constitution and By-Laws, proceeded to read the Constitution, which was adopted by sections.

Article 9th of the Constitution was passed over for consideration, and made special order for to-morrow morning' 11 o'clock.

On motion, By-Laws and Rules of Order adopted as reported by the committee.

On motion, committees were appointed as follows, to report on to-morrow:

Foreign Missions.—J. T. Townsend, H. J. Duncan and J. B. Downing.
Home Missions.—J. L. Autry, J. B. Downing and S. Williford.
Education.—I. Royal, J. C. Howard and S. Williford.
Sunday Schools.—D. R. Autry, D. W. Tew and Jas. Shipp.
Periodicals.—J. A. Beaman, I. Royal and G. W. Highsmith.
Digest of Letters.—J B. Downing, H. J. Duncan and H. G. Britt.
Correspondents.—I. Royal, J. L. Autry and J. T. Townsend.
Delegates to Baptist State Convention.—H. S. Spivey, I. Royal and S. C. Page.

Corresponding messengers invited to seats with us. C. S. Cashwell and Isaac Strickland, from the Cedar Creek and Nathan Weeks, from the Eastern Associations, were announced and welcomed.

Services at the stand conducted by Bro. C. S. Cashwell.

Proceeded to locate the next session of this body, Pine Green, Brown's and White Oak having petitioned for the

Association to meet with them, a call of the delegates was had, which resulted in favor of Pine Green.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Elder Williford, benediction by Elder Townsend.

SATURDAY, December 1st, 1877.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Moderator read 17th chapter of John. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Bell.

List of churches and roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and adopted.

Special order for 11 o'clock having arrived, Article IX of the Constitution, was taken up and adopted as reported by the committee.

Services at the stand conducted by Bro. J. W. Bell.

The following were appointed as an Executive Board: Isham Royal, J. L. Autry, S. J. Guy, H. G. Britt and L. W. Strickland.

Elder Townsend offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we will use our strongest efforts in raising funds for missionary purposes.

Reports of committees called for.

Eld. Townsend submitted report on Foreign Missions, which was, on motion, adopted.

J. L. Autry read report on Home Missions, which was adopted.

I. Royal read report on Education. Adopted.

Report on Sabbath School read by D. R. Autry and adopted.

On motion, a committee on Sunday School Institutes was appointed: D. R. Autry, H. J. Duncan, D. W. Tew, J. W. Autry and S. J. Guy, committee.

J. C. Howard submitted report of Finance Committee· Adopted.

Leave of absence was granted J. C. Howard for remainder of session.

Report on Periodicals, read by I. Royal, adopted.

On motion, took recess of half an hour.

Afternoon Session.

Resumed business.

On motion, Eld. Townsend was appointed a committee on Intemperance.

J. B. Downing submitted report of Digest of Church Letters. Adopted.

I. Royal, from the committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported. Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association being present with any session with which we correspond be considered a delegate.

Committee on Intemperance reported by Eld. Townsend. Adopted.

Services at the stand by Elder R. Fisher.

On motion, the Finance Committee was requested to turn over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

Query sent up by Baptist Chapel, after some discussion, was laid on the table.

I. Royal offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of this community for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors.

Clerk allowed five dollars for his services, and the balance of the minute fund appropriated for printing and distributing minutes

Appointed the following brethren to preach stated sermons at next session:

Introductory Sermon—Elder S. Williford; Alternate, Elder R. Fisher.
Missionary Sermon—Eld. A. B. Alderman; Alternate, Eld. H. S. Spivey.

On motion, Elder Townsend was requested to preach the Missionary Sermon on to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Closing exercises conducted by Elder Spivey. Closing hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." During the singing the parting hand was given. Prayer by Elder Duncan. Benediction by Elder Spivey.

A. B. ALDERMAN, MODERATOR.

G. W. HIGHSMITH, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2d, 1877.

A Sunday School Mass Meeting was held in the church. The exercises were opened by most excellent singing by Bro. Jackson and his class. Prayer by I. Royal. Singing. Address by Elder J. W. Bell. Singing. Address by Elder H. J. Duncan. Singing. The addresses, though short, were well conceived, and the speakers acquitted themselves finely. This Church has a fine School.

The Sunday School cause in this Association is in a very prosperous condition.

Repaired to the stand. Missionary sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Townsend from Proverbs xv: 32. Collection at the stand for Missions amounting to $10.75. J. O. Alderman, a little boy, gave one dollar for Foreign Missions: several other little boys and girls contributed. but the writer did not get their names.

Thus closed one of the most harmonious meetings it has ever been the pleasure of the writer to witness.

CLERK.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren : Your Committee on Foreign Missions feel, in submitting their report, that they cannot too strongly urge the great importance of Foreign Missions. The great commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And God will not hold us guiltless if we disregard his command. Brethren the field is white unto the harvest; let us aid the destitute heathen. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. TOWNSEND,
H. J. DUNCAN,
J. B. DOWNING,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned," (Mark xvi: 15 and 16), was the command to the Disciples, and Christ promises to be with them. This duty now rests upon us as Christians, with the same promises.

Your committee feel the importance of sending the gospel to every place around us, where it is not preached. We recommend that every pastor lay the importance of the missionary work before all his churches, and take up collections often for this object.

We would also recommend a general missionary, whose duty it shall be to labor in the destitute fields of this Association, and that he shall be compensated for the same by this Association, and make reports of his work as the Association may direct. Respectfully submitted.

J. L. AUTRY,
SAMSON WILLIFORD,
J. B. DOWNING,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee considers the training of the mind of the utmost importance—a subject in which all should feel a deep interest, especially the education of the ministry, that they may follow the advice of Paul "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are gratified to learn that there is a large number of young men in different parts of the State who are striving to prepare themselves for the great and important work of declaring the unsearchable riches of Christ; also that eight young ministers are now at Wake Forest College receiving aid from the Education Board.

Brethren, the Board of Education is appealing to us not only to aid in educating these young men, but also to aid them in giving assistance to many others who are appealing to the Board to receive them as beneficiaries. Shall we turn a deaf ear to all of these appeals? Shall we say to the Board, reject all of these applications? Or shall we come forward and assist in this great work? Let us determine that we will assist in this matter, and that we will at least look after the young ministers within our bounds, and encourage and aid them.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we will bring the subject of ministerial education before our churches during the year, and endeavor to raise funds for this object.

Respectfully submitted,
ISHAM ROYAL,
SAMSON WILLIFORD,
J. C. HOWARD,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

		Minute Fund.	Home Missions
Dec. 1, 1877.	Received from Salem Church,....	$ 3 00	$ 3 00
"	" " Mt. Elam Church,.... ...	3 00	....
"	" " Baptist Chapel Church,....	3 00	5 36
"	" " Concord " ...	3 00	....
"	" " Long Branch " ...	3 00	....
"	" " Lilly's Grove " ...	3 00	. ...
"	" " White Oak " ...	3 00	... .
"	" " Pine Green " ...	3 00	3 43
"	" " Spring Branch " ...	3 00	3 60
"	" " Brown's " ...	3 00	3 35
	Totals,..............	$ 30 00	$ 18 74

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. HOWARD,
S. WILLIFORD,
Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit that they feel incompetent to do anything like justice to such an important subject. And as we cannot visit all the churches to impress its importance, we would earnestly recommend that each pastor in the bounds of this Association deliver at least one sermon during the year, to each of his churches, on the subject of Sabbath Schools, and arouse if possible a greater interest in the cause.

And we further recommend to your body the inauguration of Sunday School Institutes, or some plan whereby the people at large can be brought into a more lively action on this important subject, and thus we hope much and lasting good may be accomplished in the name of our Blessed Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. AUTRY,
JAS. SHIPP,
D. W. TEW,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

We take pleasure in recommending the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptists in North Carolina, as an able expounder of the Bible, and an advocate of all the objects that tend to advance the cause of Christ, and urgently request every family to subscribe for it.

We also recommend *Kind Words*, a Sunday School paper published at Macon, Ga., by Rev. S. Boykin; also, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., by the Foreign Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAMAN,
G. W. HIGHSMITH,
I. ROYAL,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend a correspondence with the following Associations:

CEDAR CREEK.—*Delegates*—Fleet H. Howard, S. A. Guy, J. T. Townsend, J. W. Downing, D. W. Tew and H. G. Britt.

CAPE FEAR.—*Delegate*—Reuben Fisher.

EASTERN.—*Delegates*—G. W. Highsmith, H. J. Duncan and J. W. Bell.

LITTLE RIVER.—*Delegates*—A. B. Alderman, Cephas Page, Samson Williford and H. S. Spivey.

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL,
J. L. AUTRY,
J. T. TOWNSEND,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Recommend the following : Elders H. S. Spivey, A. B. Alderman, J. T. Townsend, Samson Williford, H. J. Duncan, J. W. Bell, D. W. Tew, and Brethren L. W. Strickland and David R. Autry.

S. C. PAGE,
H. S. SPIVEY,
I. ROYAL,
Committee.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee to report a Digest of a State of Religion in the churches, as designated by the Church Letters, beg leave to submit the following :

Brown's Church has been revived; received 18 by baptism and 8 by letter; has a flourishing Sabbath School; Elder H. S. Spivey is pastor. Time of meeting 4th Sunday and day before.

Baptist Chapel has been revived; received by baptism 13; has a flourishing Sabbath School; Elder W. M. Page is pastor. Time of meeting 2nd Sunday and day before.

Concord has had a glorious revival; received 12 by baptism; Elder R. Fisher, pastor. Time of meeting 1st Sunday and day before.

Lilly's Grove has been somewhat revived; received 4 by baptism; Elder A. B. Alderman is pastor. Time of meeting 3rd Sabbath and day before.

Long Branch has had a glorious revival; received by baptism 26; Elder H. S. Spivey is pastor. Time of meeting 2d Sunday and day before.

Mount Elam.—Nothing special; Elder W. M. Page is pastor. Time of meeting 3rd Sunday and day before.

Pine Green.—Nothing special; Elder W. M. Page is pastor; has a flourishing Sabbath School. Time of meeting 4th Sunday and day before.

Salem.—Rec'd 4 by Baptism; has a weekly prayer meeting; good Sunday School; Elder H. S. Spivey pastor. Time of meeting 3rd Sabbath and day before.

Spring Branch.—In peace; Elder S. Williford pastor. Time of meeting 1st Sunday and day before.

White Oak.—No accessions and no pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DOWNING,
H. G. BRITT,
H. J. DUNCAN,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.*

CHURCHES.	Males.	Females	Colored.	Total.
Browns,	50	82	....	132
Baptist Chapel,	69	113	....	182
Concord,	37	85	....	122
Lilly's Grove	20	27	....	47
Long Branch,	43	43	...	86
Mt. Elam,	32	42	..	74
Pine Green,	....	...	....	142
Salem,	66	119	7	192
Spring Branch	62	116	...	178
White Oak	39	74	....	113
Totals	418	721	7	1,288

*Connect this with Digest of Church Letters.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as "THE SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christs Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any subject under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the Churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of minutes

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the Churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, who shall have the superintendance of Associational Missions, and such other objects as may be intrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the interval between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be amenable to the Association for their acts, and shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. 10. Any Church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of the body, through delegates appointed for that purpose; and if the Association shall consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the Churches that neglect to preserve gospel order,

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in November at such place as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator pro. tem. shall be elected.

2d. Each sesssion of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3d. At each daily session, before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4th. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5th. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without permission.

7th. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8th. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9th. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10th. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11th. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator; and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12th. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14th. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Brown's,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	G. W. Highsmith,	Clinton.
Baptist Chapel,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	H. J. Lockamy,	Hawley's Store.
Concord,	R. Fisher,	Blocker's,	D. J. Davis,	Robins' Hill.
Lilly's Grove,	A. B. Alderman,	Giles' Mills	W. R. Haywood,	Fayetteville.
Long Branch,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	D. R. Autry,	Dismal.
Mt. Elam,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	B. Warren,	Hawley's Store.
Pine Green,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	J. A. Beaman,	Clinton.
Salem,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	J. C. Howard,	Huntly's.
Spring Branch,	S. Williford,	Giles' Mills,	D. Williford,	Giles' Mills.
White Oak,	No Pastor,		R. N. Butler,	Clinton.

PROCEEDINGS.

Piney Green, Sampson Co., N. C.,
November 14th, 1878.

The second annual session of the South River Baptist Association convened with Piney Green Church on the 14th November, 1878.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. R. Fisher, from 1st Corinthians vi: 20.

After an intermission of one-half hour, the Association was called to order by Moderator Alderman, who made a few appropriate remarks and read the 63d Psalm. Prayer by Elder Griffith.

List of churches called and a majority being present proceeded to business.

On motion, J. T. Townsend and J. B. Downing were appointed a committee on Finance.

J. L. Autry and Whitney Royal were appointed Reading Clerks.

Officers of this church appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

Proceeded to the reading of the letters from the churches, and enrolling of delegates, as follows:

Brown's.—W. M. Draughon, H. G. Britt and G. W. Highsmith.
Baptist Chapel.—A. B. Alderman, S. C. Page and W. Royal.
Concord.—R. Fisher, J. B. Downing and Jos. Sessoms.
Long Branch.—J. L. Autry and W. B. Hall.
Lilly's Grove.—Uriah Underwood and S. J. Guy.
Mt. Elam.—W. B. Hunycutt, W. M. Strickland and S. E. Jackson.
Piney Green.—Luke Butler, John Royal and Hardy Cannady.
Salem.—H. S. Spivey, Isham Royal and J. C. Howard.
Spring Branch.—J. A. Dawson, G. Goodwin and D. Williford.
White Oak.—R. M. Crumpler, R. H. McKenzie and B. H. Crumpler.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and petitionary letters called for.

Pleasant Union presented her letter of dismission from the Cedar Creek Association, also her church letter asking admittance into our body.

On motion, Pleasant Union was received and the following named delegates enrolled: A. E. Hall, S. J. Faircloth

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and G. Bedsole, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator.

Ebenezer Church, from the Eastern Association, presented her letter of dismission, and was received, and the following delegates enrolled: Kader Vann, Jasper Rich and Frank Carroll, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

Union Grove (newly constituted) was received and the following enrolled as delegates: Thos. Williams, Daniel Williams and Wiley Williams, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

On motion, Concord letter was laid upon the table.

Moderator Alderman announced that Elder S. Williford, wife and sister were dangerously sick, and that we should engage in special prayer in their behalf. Prayer by Elder Alderman.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers. Appointed tellers as follows:

Moderator: J. L. Autry and J. O. Tew; Clerk: J. A. Beaman and J. B. Downing; Treasurer: S. C. Page and Whitney Royall.

Result: A. B. Alderman re-elected Moderator; G. W. Highsmith re-elected Clerk; Jas. L. Autry re-elected Treasurer.

Corresponding and visiting brethren called for and welcomed: Elder R. H. Griffith, Agent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Julian Alderman and W. K. Johnson from the Cedar Creek Association.

I. Royal laid upon the Clerk's desk a minute of the South Yadkin Association.

On motion, Elder Griffith will be allowed to present the claims of the Seminary on to-morrow at 1½ o'clock.

On motion, appointed the following committees:

Foreign Missions.—R. H. Griffith, H. S. Spivey and I. Royal.
State and Associational Missions.—J. T. Townsend and J. L. Autry.
Education.—Kader Vann and Uriah Underwood.
Sunday Schools.—G. W. Highsmith and J. B. Downing.
Periodicals.— Isham Royal and S. C. Page.
Digest of Church Letters.—G. W. Highsmith and R. Fisher.
Correspondence.—H. S. Spivey and S. J. Guy.
Auditing Committee.—I. Royal and R. M Crumpler.
To Nominate Executive Board.—Whitney Royal, J. B. Downing and R. H. McKenzie.

Elder J. T. Townsend announced to preach at the stand at 10:30 o'clock A. M., on to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 o'clock A. M., to-morrow. Prayer and benediction by Elder Spivey.

FRIDAY, November 15th, 1878.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Devoted one-half hour in prayer meeting, conducted by Elder A. B. Alderman.

List of churches and roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and adopted.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren. Elder A. N. Campbell announced himself as corresponding messenger from the Little River Association, and was cordially welcomed.

Petitionary letters called for. Magnolia church presented her letter of dismission from the Cedar Creek Association; also her church letter asking admittance into this body.

On motion, she was received, and the following enrolled as delegates: W. J. Honrine, R. F. Strickland and Andrew Overton, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator.

Olivers Grove church, newly constituted, presented her letter and was received, and E. R. Oliver and Haywood Johnson enrolled as delegates, and the right hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay over to the Executive Board the funds of last year that he has in his possession.

On motion, Concord letter was taken from the table.

On motion, proceeded to locate the next session of this body. Concord church was selected, and the following appointed to preach the stated sermons: Elder W. M. Page the Introductory, and Elder A. B. Alderman the Missionary Sermon.

Reports of committees called for. Committee on Periodicals called for, read and, pending its adoption, remarks were made by Elders Griffith, Spivey and I. Royal.

Isham Royal, Chairman Executive Board, submitted report. Pending its adoption, remarks were made by I. Royal, Elds. Fisher, W. M. and S. C. Page, Spivey, Townsend, Duncan, Campbell and the Moderator.

A collection was taken up for Home Missions, amounting to $7.11.

On motion, Article 9 of the Constitution was amended so as to read "seven members of the Executive Board," instead of "five."

Took recess of half an hour.

Resumed business.

G. Godwin asked for and obtained leave of absence for remainder of session; also D. Williford.

Elder Griffith addressed the Association in behalf of the Seminary. Amount collected and subscribed not known to the Clerk.

Committee on Education reported. Pending its adoption, remarks were made by K. Vann and Elder Griffith.

Renewed invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren. I. W. Lane, Nathan Weeks, J. J. Matthews, A. S. C. Powell and Geo. Best announced themselves as visitors from the Eastern Association and were welcomed.

Finance Committee submitted report. Adopted.

On motion Finance Committee ordered to pay over the funds they have in their possession to Treasurer.

Isham Royal submitted reports of Treasurer of the Association and Treasurer of the Executive Board.

Pending its adoption, remarks were made by Elders Spivey and Griffith.

The committee to nominate Executive Board reported. Adopted.

Elder Campbell occupied the stand.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder Townsend. Benediction by Elder Griffith.

SATURDAY, November 16th, 1878.

Spent one-half hour in devotional exercise, conducted by Elder Campbell. Moderator read the 73d Psalm. Prayer by Isham Royal.

List of churches and roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and adopted.

On motion, I. Royal, J. A. Dowason and S. J. Guy were appointed a committee to prepare a list of the ordained ministers and licentiates within the bounds of this Association, and hand it to the Clerk for publication in the minutes.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren. Elder G. S. Best announced himself as a visitor from the Eastern Association and was welcomed.

Committee on correspondence reported. Adopted.

Elder Griffith submitted report on Foreign Missions.

Pending its adoption, remarks were made by Elders Griffith and Campbell.

I. Royal offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a collection be now made to sustain our Missionaries in foreign fields.

Amount collected $6.79.

On motion, suspended business to hear Elder Griffith preach at the stand.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

Leave of absence granted to W. J. Honrine and R. F. Strickland.

G. W. Highsmith submitted report of Digest of Church Letters. Adopted.

Elder G. S. Best announced to preach at the stand.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Adopted.

On motion of I. Royal, the following were appointed a committee on Sunday School Institutes: J. B. Downing, D. R. Autry, Walter M. Draughon, John Culbreth and Amos Crumpler.

Article 8th of the Constitution amended. (See Constitution.)

J. B. Downing tendered his resignation as a member of the Executive Board.

On motion, it was accepted. Jas. L. Autry was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion, the query sent up by Concord was taken from the table and discussed and answered in the negative.

Announcements by Elder Griffith.

I. Royal offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors of churches and delegates lay the claims of Peacock's X Roads before their respective churches and solicit aid for them to build a church, and send it up to the Executive Board at their next session.

I. Royal presented the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of this community for the very able and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates of this Association, as well as the visitors.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Clerk to have ten dollars for his services, remainder of minute fund to be applied to printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, the collection after the Missionary Sermon on to-morrow to be applied to Associational Missions.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

A. B. ALDERMAN, MODERATOR.

G. W. HIGHSMITH, Clerk.

SUNDAY.

Held Sunday School Mass Meeting in the Church, conducted by J. O. Tew, Superintendent of the School. Sweet Sunday School music by Mr. Edwards and his class. Addressed by Elder G. S. Best.

Repaired to the stand to hear the Missionary Sermon by Elder A. B. Alderman, but the rain coming on returned to the house. Collection $—.

Elder R. H. Griffith preached immediately after.

Sunday it was very rainy and unpleasant, which prevented a great many people from attending.

The hospitality of the good people of Piney Green was unbounded, and union and harmony prevailed throughout the session. We shall long remember this session of our little Association, and trust that our kind Benefactor will permit us all to meet again at our next session. CLERK.

APPENDIX.

Reports.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Lord has signally blessed the work of Foreign Missions. We do not know of a single effort to plant the gospel among a heathen people that has failed, while the most astonishing results have accompanied the labors of christian missionaries in the last two years.

Our own missions in Italy, China and Africa have been greatly blessed, and the call from these fields are: "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Are we "assuredly gathering that the Lord has called us to preach the gospel unto them?" How are we responding to the command of God to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To map out and organize missionary work, even in a small Association as this, is a work of considerable magnitude, and it requires a great deal of care and discretion. Many obstacles in the beginning are presented, and many difficulties beset the path of the Board and the Missionaries. After consulting with ministers and brethren in different parts of the Association, the Board thought it advisable to occupy the following stations: Bizzill's School House, Peacock's X Roads, Oliver's Grove, in Johnston county, Purdam School House and Hickory Grove, in Sampson county, Carter's School House and Poplar Branch, in Cumberland county. Elds. H. S. Spivey and W. M. Page have preached regularly at Peacock's X Roads, Bro. Spivey the first quarter, Bro. Page the remainder of the year. Elder A. B. Alderman has preached regularly at Bizzell's School House, Elder S. C. Page at Oliver's Grove. Elder H. J. Duncan was employed a short time at Purdam, and he preached several months at Hickory Grove. Elder J. T. Townsend has preached regularly at Poplar Branch and Elder R. Fisher at Carter's School House. At some of these points the brethren met with opposition and difficulties. The principal difficulties being preaching in the open air, the congregation and ministers being exposed to the heat of the summer sun and the piercing cold of winter; at other places the houses occupied were too small, at others houses were refused, and every conceivable difficulty was thrown in the way of the missionaries, but by their persistent efforts and kind admonitions many of these difficulties have been removed, and those who heretofore refused to even hear the minister, are sending up the Macedonian cry: "Come over and help us." Many who manifested violent opposition, are now regular attendants at preaching, and, like the Bereans, are searching the Scriptures for themselves.

The missionaries all report attentive congregations and increased interest. Some baptisms and two new churches organized. The brethren and friends are also taking steps to build a house of worship at Peacock's X Roads, also at Oliver's Grove and Carter's School House.

But this is only the beginning of the work. We must not only use our energies and our means in sustaining the work at these points, but we desire to extend our operations. Your Board feel very much encouraged at the results of the first years work, and have cause to be grateful to God that he has crowned our efforts with success, and has opened the way for future operations. Every church has sustained us in the work. We have conducted the work on the cash system. The report of the Treasurer will show the amount of money collected and expended.

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYALL, Ch'mn.

Report of Treasurer of Executive Board of the South River Association for the year 1878, Jas. L. Autry, Treasurer:

1877.		
Dec. 28	Lilly's Grove, .. $	5 00
	Long Branch, ...	1 75
	Mt. Elam,........	2 00
	Brown's,.........	1 00
	White Oak,.......	2 00
	Salem............	1 80
	Collection Sunday	3 54
1878		
M'ch 28	Salem,...	6 00
	Baptist Chapel,...	3 10
	Pine Green,......	1 50
	Brown's,..	5 40
	Lilly's Grove, ...	3 22
	Mt. Elam,........	1 50
	Long Branch,...	2 77
	Concord, ...	1 42
	White Oak,......	1 10
	Collection Sunday	6 18
June.	Spring Branch,....	2 25
	Mt. Elam,.......	1 15
	Concord,.... . .	2 58
	Baptist Chapel,...	5 20
	Pine Green,.......	2 00
June.	Salem,........ ...$	3 50
	Lilly's Grove,...	2 21
	Brown's,.........	1 67
	Collection Sunday	4 57
Sept.	Baptist Chapel,...	1 60
	Bap. Lit. Leaders,	2 00
	Brown's,........	1 28
	Concord,........	70
	Mt. Elam,.... ...	1 50
	Pine Green,......	1 26
	White Oak,.....	1 60
	Spring Branch,...	2 00
	Long Branch,....	2 00
	Lilly's Grove,....	2 00
	Salem, ...	2 65
	Collect'n Saturday and Sunday,....	9 53
		$ 102 53
	Received from Treasurer of Association Dec., 1877,..	28 50
		$ 131 03

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March.	Cash, S. C. Page,.$	8 75
	H. S Spivey,....	10 00
	A. B. Alderman,..	5 00
July 2.	S. C. Page,.......	10 00
	R. Fisher,.... ...	4 50
June.	S. C. Page,.......	1 25
	H. J. Duncan, ...	6 50
	A. B. Alderman,..	6 75
	W. M. Page,.....	4 50
	J. T. Townsend,..	3 00
	J. T. Townsend,..	3 75
	S. C. Page,.......	17 50
June.	W. M. Page,....	5 00
	A. B. Alderman,.	3 75
	H. J. Duncan,....	10 62
Nov.	H. J. Duncan,....	1 25
	R. Fisher,.......	8 75
	S. C. Page,.........	2 50
	W. M. Page,.....	1 87
	Balance cash on hand,..........	15 79
		$ 131 03

Examined and approved.

ISHAM ROYAL, Chm'n.

JAS. L AUTRY, *Treasurer of Association:*

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1877.	
To Minute fund,......... ....$	30 10
Sent up by churches for Associational Missions,...........	18 75
Collection on Sunday,..........	9 75
Foreign Missions,.	1 00
	$ 59 60

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Paid for printing Minutes,	$ 30 10
Treasurer of Executive Board,	28 50
Sent to Treasurer Baptist State Convention,	1 00
	$ 59 60

Examined and approved.

ISHAM ROYAL, Ch'mn.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amounts sent up by the churches to the Association:

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Baptist Chapel,	$ 2 55	$ 1 52	$
Brown's,	2 60	1 21	
Concord,	2 75	65	
Lilly's Grove,	1 50		1 31
Long Branch,	2 50		
Mt. Elam,	1 60		
Pine Green,	2 55		
Salem,	3 00	3 09	4 10
Spring Branch,	2 00		
White Oak,	3 00	1 75	
Union Grove,	1 00		
Pleasant Union,	2 05		
Ebenezer,			
Magnolia,	1 00	11 29	11 29
Oliver's Grove,	1 00		
Collected at Association,	5 21		
	$ 34 31	$ 19 51	$ 16 70

J. T. TOWNSEND,
J. B. DOWNING,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee rejoices to know that all the churches within our bounds have good Sunday Schools. We look upon the Sunday School as the nursery of the church, and think that every possible effort should be made to get everybody to take a lively interest in this great work.

Your committee would recommend a continuance of the Sunday School Board, with the appointment of some of our most discreet members on this committee. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HIGHSMITH,
J. B. DOWNING,
Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee take great pleasure in stating that we as Missionary Baptists are thorough friends, advocates and supporters of Education. Our own institutions of learning, both Literary and Theological, and the support they receive, abundantly prove this. It is the long established and well-matured conviction of your committee that every minister should have a good Education. It is no good mark of a good workman to work with dull and inefficient tools. Sharpen your tools and then you can do your work right. We should sustain our beneficiaries at Wake Forest, and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and encourage others to take the same course. The Board of Education is appealing to us for aid. Let us go forward, and do our whole duty in this great and important work. Respectfully submitted,

KADER VANN,
U. UNDERWOOD,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee to nominate correspondents to other Associations, and delegates to Baptist State Convention, submit the following:

To Cedar Creek Association—R. M. Crumpler, D. R. Autry and J. B. Downing.

Cape Fear—R. Fisher, J. L. Autry and J. B. Downing.

Eastern—I. Royal, H. S. Spivey, H. G. Britt, Kader Vann and W. M. Draughon.

Little River—A. B. Alderman, S. C. Page and W. Royal.

Baptist State Convention—H. S. Spivey, I. Royal, A. B. Alderman, J. T. Townsend, S. C. Page, H. J. Duncan, J. L. Autry and W. J. Honrine.

Resolved, That any brother attending any of these bodies be considered a delegate.

H. S. SPIVEY,
S. J. GUY,
Committee.

PERIODICALS.

Your committee submit the following report:

We consider a religious journal as a valuable auxiliary in advancing Christian principles, in sending the light and truth of the Gospel to many who would not otherwise receive, in keeping the brethren informed in regard to all missionary operations, and the general progress of the work.

We regard the *Biblical Recorder*—so ably edited by Rev. C. T. Bailey—as one of the best papers, and commend the manly and Christian course of the editor in contending for the doctrines of the Bible, and earnestly request every family to subscribe for it. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published by the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words* and *The Young Reaper* as excellent Sunday School papers. Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL,
S. C. PAGE,
Committee.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your committee to report a Digest of a State of Religion in the churches, as designated by the Church Letters, beg leave to submit the following:

Brown's.—Nothing special; good Sunday School. Time of meeting, 4th Sunday and day before in each month.

Baptist Chapel—Reports no additions; good Sunday School. Time of meeting, 2d Sunday and day before in each month.

Concord—Has had an interesting meeting; baptized 12; has a well conducted Sunday School. Time of meeting, 1st Sunday and day before in each month.

Lilly's Grove—Has had no additions; well organized Sunday School. Time of meeting, 1st Sunday and day before in each month.

Long Branch—Nothing of importance to communicate; good Sunday School. Time of meeting, 2d Sunday and day before in each month.

Mt. Elam—Has had no additions; Sunday School suspended. Time of meeting not stated in letter.

Pine Green—Has had an interesting revival; received 9 by baptism; Good Sunday School. Time of meeting, 4th Sunday and day before in each month.

Salem—Reports in peace; received 6 by baptism; well organized Sunday School, and regular weekly prayer meeting. Time of meeting 3d Sunday and day before in each month.

Spring Branch.—We have been in peace and have been much revived; had an interesting meeting of 9 days; received 16 by baptism; good Sunday School. Time of meeting, 1st Sunday and day before in each month.

White Oak—Has been greatly revived; received 9 by baptism; good Sunday School. Time of meeting, 4th Sunday and day before in each month.

Pleasant Union.—Statistics not given in letter. Can't make any report from letter.

Union Grove.—Newly constituted; received 9 by baptism; good Sunday School. Time of meeting, 1st Sunday and day before in each month.

Ebenezer.—No letter presented from this church.

Magnolia—Reports no additions; has a good Sunday School. Regular time of meeting not stated in letter.

Oliver's Grove.—Newly constituted; organized with 2 members last February; reports few in number and lonely, but in peace and very hopeful; returns thanks to Mission Board for aid. Time, 4th Sunday in each month.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. HIGHSMITH,
R. FISHER,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee to nominate Executive Board beg leave to submit the following: Isham Royal, Kader Vann, Hardy G. Britt, John B. Downing, Whitney Royal, S. J. Guy and R. M. Crumpler.

Respectfully submitted,
W. ROYAL, Ch'm'n.

REPORT ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.*

Dear Brethren: We beg leave to report the following:

There are two classes of people in the world—has been since the days of Cain and Abel—one arrayed against the other; but God in his goodness fixed a plan for the conversion of the wicked through His own free grace, and the work and preaching of the word by His own dear Son and ministers (disciples), who were to go and preach to every creature, beginning at Jerusalem. We find Jesus at Jerusalem at twelve years old at this work of trying to convert the world (doctors and lawyers); after that we find him going to John the Baptist to be baptized, laying an example for us to follow. Then we find him going from city to city preaching. See Luke 4th chap., 43 verse: "And he said unto them, I must preach to other cities also; for therefore am I sent." His business was to establish the new covenant (his church), for if the old had been faultless there would have been no need for the new. So he finished the work that God gave him to do; then prayed for his disciples and all that might believe on him through the world. Then he says, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Now ministers go (if necessary) as He went, with no where to lay your heads, and do his work. Likewise layman (disciple) you are equally bound to serve him both with body and spirit—with prayers and money to forward the time when his will shall be done as in heaven so in earth. Help in his work disciple, or he will say in yonder world, I never knew you.

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. TOWNSEND,
J. L. AUTRY,
Committee.

*The committee on the above report failed to hand it in at the Association. Bro. Autry forwarded it to me by mail to have it appear in the minutes.
CLERK.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES IN THE SOUTH YADKIN ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED.—H. S. Spivey, A. B. Alderman, R. Fisher, J. T. Townsend, W. M. Page, S. C. Page, S. Williford (died since), H. J. Duncan, D. A. Buie.

LICENTIATES.—J. O. Tew, D. W. Tew, G. Godwin, J. A. Dawson, J. W. Bell, E. S. Herring, R. H. Hunnycutt.

Respectfully submitted,

I. ROYAL,
S. J. GUY,
J. A. DAWSON.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Total.	Vols. in Library.
Brown's,	Jas. Shipp,	4	40	44	...
Baptist Chapel,	Julian Alderman,	6	94	100	....
Concord,	D. K. Hall,	9	100	109	...
Lilly's Grove,	E. S. Herring, J. T. Townsend.	6	67	73	....
Long Branch,		...	...	...	...
Mt. Elam,	Thos. N. Jackson,	4	25	29	....
Piney Green,	R. Hunycutt,	6	40	46	...
Salem	I. Royal,	10	60	70	150
Spring Branch,	W. Williford,	5	54	59	....
White Oak	H. S. Boney,	3	37	40	...
Pleasant Union,	T. N. Culbreth, H. K. Faircloth.	....	...	...	..
Union Grove,	D. Williams,	3	30	33	...
Ebenezer,		......	....	...	....
Magnolia,	R. F. Strickland,	6	60	66	125
Oliver's Grove,		....	....	....	......
		62	607	669	275

Reported for publication from the Church Letters by the Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No Males.	No. Females.	Colored.	Total.
Brown's,................	....	...	2	2	9	....	45	75	...	120
Baptist Chapel,.........	....	...	...	7	...	...	65	110	8	183
Concord,................	12	4	5	3	7	2	44	87	...	131
Lilly's Grove,..........	....	....	....	9	....	....	17	19	....	36
Long Branch,............	....	6	....	5	2	3	39	43	...	82
Mt. Elam,...............	....	....	....	....	...	...	28	42	....	70
Piney Green,............	9	...	2	2	...	1	42	101	16	159
Salem,..................	6	...	...	....	...	2	68	109	5	182
Spring Branch,..........	16	...	3	...	4	2	71	124	....	195
White Oak,..............	8	1	5	1	2	...	43	89	....	132
Pleasant Union,*........	...	....	...	......	....	....	...	....	...	...
Union Grove,............	9	...	..	...	....	...	...	....	...	21
Ebenezer,*..............	...	....	....	....	....	..	...	...	....	...
Magnolia,...............	....	...	...	....	....	....	21	50	....	71
Oliver's Grove,*........	..	....	....	...	.	...	....	....	...	....
Totals,..........	60	11	17	29	24	10	483	849	27	1383

*Statistics not given in Letter.

By reference to Art. 4th of the Constitution, churches will see that they are required to give a statement of all funds contributed during the year for benevolent purposes. The Moderator specially requested the delegates to make out this report and forward to the Clerk, so that they could appear in the minutes, but very few have responded; therefore I shall make no report of any. Please attend to this in the future. CLERK.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as "THE SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any subject under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the Churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the Churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects contributed. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendance of Associational Missions, and such other objects as may be intrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the interval between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be amenable to the Association for their acts, and shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. 10. Any Church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at annual session of the body, through delegates appointed for that purpose; and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the Churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

Art. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in November at such place as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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RULES OF ORDER.

1st. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator pro tem. shall be elected.

2d. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3d. At each daily session, before proceeding to businesss, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4th. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5th. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6th No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without permission.

7th. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8th. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9th. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10th. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11th. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator; and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12th. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14th. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Brown's,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	G. W. Highsmith,	Clinton.
Baptist Chapel,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	S. B. Page,	Hawley's Store.
Concord,	R. Fisher,	Blocker's,	J. B. Downing,	Buckhorn.
Lilly's Grove,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	W. R. Haywood,	Fayetteville.
Long Branch,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	D. R. Autry,	Dismal.
Mt Elam,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	B. Warren	Hawley's Store.
Piney Green,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	J. A. Beaman,	Clinton.
Salem,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	J. C. Howard,	Huntly.
Spring Branch,	S. Williford, (since died)	Gile's Mills,	G. Godwin,	Giles' Mills.
White Oak,	G. S. Best,	Kenansville,	R. N. Butler,	Clinton.
Pleasant Union,	C. S. Cashwell,		John Fisher,	Owensville.
Union Grove,	S. C. Page,	Hawley's Store,	W. Williams,	Dismal.
Ebenezer,	G. S. Best,	Kenansville,		
Magnolia,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	J. H. Averitt,	Blockers.
Oliver's Grove,	S C. Page,	Hawley's Store,	E. R. Oliver,	Beasley Hill.

MINUTES

OF THE

Third Annual Session

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER
Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT CONCORD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY,

November 13th, 14th and 15th, 1879.

RALEIGH:
Edwards, Broughton & Co., Printers and Binders.
1879.

Ordained Ministers.

H. S. Spivey,
A. B. Alderman,
Reuben Fisher,
J. T. Townsend,
Wiley M. Page,
S. C. Page,
H. J. Duncan,
D. A. Buie,
J. O. Tew.

Licentiates.

D. W. Tew,
G. Godwin,
J. A. Dawson,
J. W. Bell,
E. S. Herring,
R. H. Hunycutt.

PROCEEDINGS.

CONCORD, CUMBERLAND CO., N. C.,
November 13th, 1879.

The third session of the South River Association met with the church at Concord, Cumberland county, N. C., November 13th, 1879.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Wiley M. Page, from Acts x: 33: "Now, therefore, are we all here present before God."

After an intermission of 30 minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder A. B. Alderman.

After reading the Scriptures, prayer by Elder J. T. Townsend.

The former Clerk not being present, on motion, J. B. Downing was chosen Clerk *pro tem.* Called list of churches; a majority being present, proceeded to business.

On motion, Bro. James L. Autry and Elder D. W. Tew were appointed reading clerks, and K. Vann and Whitney Royal, Finance Committee.

The letters from the churches was next called for and read and delegates enrolled. (See Statistical Table.)

On motion, the letter from Ebenezer was laid on the table for the present.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Appointed tellers as follows: For Moderator, B. Williams and J. Culbreth; for Clerk, D. Williams and J. W. Layton; for Treasurer, Elders H. J. Duncan and R. Fisher.

On motion, Article 3d of the Constitution was changed so as to make ministers who are pastors, and hold membership in this Association, delegates.

Result of election: A. B. Alderman, re-elected Moderator; John B. Downing, Clerk; Jas. L. Autry, re-elected Treasurer.

On motion the following order of business was adopted:

1st.—Reading church letters, and enrolling delegates.
2nd.—Election of officers.
3rd.—Invitation to corresponding delegates and visitors.
4th.—Call for petitionary letters.
5th.—Appointment of committees.
6th.—Selection of place for next meeting.
7th.—Reports of committees.
8th.—Report of Treasurer.
9th.—Miscellaneous business.
10th.—Adjournment.

An invitation given to corresponding delegates and visitors, when Elder C. S. Cashwell reported himself as a corresponding delegate from the Cedar Creek Association; also Elder J. G. Fisher and Bro. Allen McCaskill, as visitors from the Cedar Creek Association, and were welcomed.

Called for Petitionary Letters, when Macedonia (newly constituted) made application for admittance.

On motion it was received, and the following enrolled as delegates: Thos. Starling, Wm. R. Jackson and David Carter, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

The following Committees were then appointed:

On Foreign Missions.—Isham Royal and Jas. L. Autry.
On Associational Missions.—Elder D. W. Tew and J. B. Downing.
On State Missions.—Elder H. J. Duncan and B. Williams.
On Education.—Elder J. T. Townsend and Elder R. Fisher.
On Sabbath Schools.—Elder C. S. Cashwell and J. W. Layton.
On Periodicals.—Elder Wiley M. Page and Wm. J. Honrine.
On Correspondence.—Kader Vann and J. A Dawson.
Auditing Committee.—I. Royal and Elder C. W. Tew.
To Nominate an Executive Board.—J. H. Averitt, Jordan Sessoms and John J. Highsmith.

Isham Royal announced himself as an agent for the *Recorder.*

The Clerk to prepare a digest of the state of religion as indicated by the church letters, to be published in the Minutes.

On motion the officers of this church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion the male members of this church were appointed a Vigilance Committee.

Elder H. J. Duncan announced to preach at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow.

Prayer by Isham Royal. Sang the 1st Doxology. Benediction by Elder W. M. Page.

FRIDAY MORNING, November 14th, 1879.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Devoted one half hour in prayer meeting, conducted by C. S. Cashwell.

List of churches and roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

Renewed invitation to corresponding and visiting messengers, when Bro. D. T. Averitt and J. Fisher reported themselves as visitors from the Cedar Creek Association, and were welcomed.

Called for Petitionary Letters, when Hickory Grove (newly constituted) presented her letter, asking admittance into this body.

On motion it was received, and the following enrolled as delegates: J. A. Beaman, H. B. Canady, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

Called for and read letters from churches not represented yesterday.

On motion the letter from Ebenezer was taken from the table.

On motion proceeded to locate the next session of this body. Ebenezer church was selected, and the following appointed to preach the Stated Sermons: Introductory Sermon, Elder S. T. Townsend, Elder H. J. Duncan alternate; Missionary Sermon, Elder W. M. Page, Elder J. O. Tew alternate.

Called for reports of Committees.

Isham Royal read report of Executive Board:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We have prosecuted the work of Missions during the year with the means placed at our disposal, to the best of our ability. We have had preaching every month at the following places: Elder H. J. Duncan has preached at Peacock's X Roads and Bizzell's School House, in Johnston county, and Hickory Grove, in Sampson county; Elder Reuben Fisher has preached at Carter's school house, in Cumberland county; Elder J. T. Townsend has preached monthly at McMillan's school house, and a part of the time at Rhodes' Mill, in Cumberland County; Elder J O. Tew preached a short time at Lassiter's school house, in Sampson county, but the Board, at the last meeting, deemed it advisable not to occupy this point any longer.

RESULTS.

Elder Fisher has organized a church at Carter's school house with forty-six members; the brethren have also erected a house of worship. The church (Macedonia) feels very grateful for the aid received, and is now self-sustaining. He reports nineteen baptized.

Elder Duncan reports attentive congregations. He has baptized three at Hickory Grove, and organized a church with nine members at this place. One received for baptism at Peacock's X Roads, and a house of worship in process of erection.

Elder Townsend reports attentive congregations and increased interest.

Thus have we the results of the second year's work of our Association. These results are sufficient to encourage us in going forward in the prosecution of this important work. There are many localities within our bounds that we wish to occupy, and are inviting. "Let us go up and possess the land."

We prayerfully and urgently desire you to consider this matter, and to give as the Lord has prospered you.

Respectfully submitted,
ISHAM ROYAL,
Chairman.

Pending its adoption remarks were made by Elders H. J. Duncan, J. G. Fisher, W. M. Page, and Bros. Jas. L. Autry, I. Royal, W. J. Honrine, K. Vann, D. H. Hayes, D. T. Averitt, closing by Moderator Alderman.

Preaching at the stand by Elder H. J. Duncan.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren. Elder W. C. West, from the Cedar Creek Association, reported himself as a visitor, and was welcomed.

Elder D. W. Tew submitted a report on Associational Missions.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS..

Your Committee beg leave to submit their incompetency to do so important a subject justice. In the great effort to evangelize the world, we should not lose sight of the fact that there is much yet to be done in our midst. There are those in our bounds who are destitute of a knowledge of the Gospel. Prominent among the means which God has ordained to save men's souls is the preaching of the Gospel. It is by that usually men hear and learn their duty, "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" This is a question for us to ponder.

D. W. TEW,
J. B. DOWNING.

On motion adopted.

I. Royal offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report a regular system to raise funds for missions, and the various objects of Christian benevolence.

The Moderator appointed Jas. L. Autry, Elders J. T. Townsend and D. W. Tew as the Committee.

On motion a collection was taken up for Associational Missions amounting to $5.12.

Committee on Correspondents reported.

Your Committee on Correspondents submit the following:

To Baptist State Convention.—Elder A. B. Alderman, Isham Royal and J. L. Autry.

To Cedar Creek Association.—Elder R. Fisher, J. B. Downing and S. J. Guy.

To Little River Association.—Elders J. T. Townsend, W. M. Page and S. C. Page.

To Eastern Association.—Elders H. J. Duncan, H. S. Spivey and J. O. Rich.

To Cape Fear Association.—Elder J. T. Townsend, Whitney Royal and J. L. Autry.

Respectfully submitted,

K. VANN,
J. A. DAWSON,
Committee

Report adopted.

Elder J. T. Townsend submitted a report on education:

Dear brethren, your Committee on Ministerial Education feel that they cannot too strongly recommend the importance of an educated ministry. The advancement in all other pursuits of life demand this. In order that we may be able to meet this demand, let us come up to our duty in this matter, which has been too long neglected.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. TOWNSEND,
R. FISHER,
Committee.

On motion made the special order for 11 a. m., to-morrow.

On motion took a recess for one hour.

Resumed business.

Bro. K. Vann was added to the committee to nominate an Executive Board.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren, when W. H. Melvin, from the Cedar Creek Association, reported himself as a visitor, and was welcomed.

Committee on Periodicals reported:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee submit the following report:

We consider a religious journal as a valuable auxiliary in advancing Christian principles, in sending the light and truth of the Gospel to many who would not otherwise receive; in keeping the brethren informed in regard to all missionary operations, and the general progress of the work. We regard the *Biblical Recorder*, so ably edited by Rev. C. T. Bailey, as one of the best papers, and commend the manly and Christian course of the Editor in contending for the doctrine of the Bible, and earnestly request every family to subscribe for it. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published by the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va.; and *Kind Words* and the *Young Reaper*, two excellent Sunday School papers.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. PAGE,
WM. J. HONRINE,
Committee.

Pending its adoption remarks in behalf of the *Recorder* were made by Bros. W. J. Honrine, Isham Royal, J. L. Autry, closing by Moderator Alderman.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. G. Fisher.

Committee to devise a plan for raising funds for missions reported:

Your Committee recommend that the delegates from each church urge the importance of Associational Missions, and adopt a regular system of monthly contributions for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. TOWNSEND,
J. L. AUTRY,
D. W. TEW,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by I. Royal, J. A. Dawson, J. L. Autry and the Moderator.

Committee on State Missions reported.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions report the following:

The Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention, which has been instrumental in doing great good in the past, and whose general work seems to be guided by zealous, pious and devoted brethren, such as J. E. Ray, W. H. Pace, and others. They have had in their employ for some time such brethren as Dr. J. D. Hufham and J. B. Richardson and others, who are doing a noble work in the Master's cause. Numbers have been converted, churches have been organized, and great has been the result of their labors. The Chairman of the State Mission Board is frequently calling on us to aid in this great work. We recommend that each minister in this Association lay these claims before their respective churches and urge the necessity of their aiding in this work. Brethren, should we not regard the apostolic admonition, which says, "Be diligent, therefore, brethren, ever abounding in the works of the Lord, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. DUNCAN,
B. WILLIAMS.

Remarks by I. Royal and J. H. Averitt, when the report was adopted.

On motion adjourned to 9½ a. m., to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder W. M. Page; Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 1879.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read 13th chapter 1st Corinthians. Prayer by Elder J. Honrine.

List of churches and roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Committee to nominate an Executive Board reported:

The Committee to Nominate an Executive Board recommend Isham Royal, Jas. L. Autry, S. J. Guy, Whitney Royal, J. J. Highsmith, J. A. Beaman, W. J. Honrine.

Respectfully submitted,

KADER VANN,
J. H. AVERITT,
JORDAN SESSOMS,
J. J. HIGHSMITH,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

When the blessed Jesus was on earth He said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and we are taught that He took them in His arms and blessed them. We can't bestow the blessing, but we are taught to "bring them up in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it;" and we think that the Sunday School is a good place to teach them those things which will make them "wise unto salvation." As the cause our blessed Saviour, whom we profess to love so well, must soon fall into the hands of the now little ones, and we pass away; and how earnestly, then, should we, as Christ's disciples, labor to prepare them for the great work which lies before them.

In the Sunday school the old, the middle-aged and the young may learn. Brethren, your committee think it a great work, and we admonish the brethren to awake to the work.

Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made by Jas. Fisher, K. Vann, D. T. Averitt, and Elder W. C. West.

I. Royal read part of the 6th chapter Deutronomy.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren.

Preaching at the stand by Elder C. S. Cashwell.

The Treasurer reported:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	DR.		
1878.			
Nov. 14,	To Balance on hand	$17 66	
"	" Minute fund	29 10	
"	" " Collected	5 21	
"	" Home Missions	19 50	
"	" Collections Sunday	2 07	
"	" Foreign Missions	16 70	
"	" " Collected	6 79	
	CR.		
"	By Cash to Clerk		$34 31
"	" " W. M. Page		1 87
"	" " Treas. Baptist St. Con. for F'gn Missions		23 48
1879.			
Sept. 1.	" " J. O. Tew		3 75
Nov. 14,	" " Treasurer Board		27 82
		$97 03	$91 23
	To Balance on hand	$5 80	

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. AUTRY,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

ISHAM ROYAL,
D. W. TEW,
Auditing Com.

On motion, adopted.

The Finance Committee reported:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Sabbath School.	Sent to Ex. Board during the year.
Baptist Chapel (Brown's)	$ 2 50	$ 3 67	$........	$ 50 00	$........	$........
Concord	1 80	....	....	....	....	1 00
Ebenezer	1 00	1 65	80	....	....	....
Lilly's Grove	1 85	1 50	25	34 85	....	....
Long Branch	2 95	....	....	....	....	....
Magnolia	1 10	2 00	6 40	....	....	....
Mt. Elam	1 00	50	....	....	....	....
Oliver's Grove	1 00	....	....	12 00	2 00	....
Piney Green	1 75	40	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Union	1 05	....	1 34	....	....	....
Salem	3 00	2 00	....	....	....	9 03
Spring Branch	2 15	1 60	....	....	....	....
Union Grove	75	....	....	36 08	....	3 32
White Oak	2 25	4 54	....	....	....	....
Macedonia	2 00	....	....	....	....	....
Hickory Grove	50	2 25	....	....	....	....
	$26 65	$20 11	$8 79	$132 93	$2 00	$13 35

Report adopted, and committee ordered to pay the amounts to the Treasurer of the Association.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Executive Board report to the Auditing Commiteee, and the Auditing Committee to the Clerk of the Executive Board.

On motion agreed to amend the Constitution to change the time of meeting from Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in November to Tuesday before the 3rd Sabbath in November.

Isham Royal read a report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The foreign field is at this time very inviting, and the demand for men fitly prepared for the work very urgent. Italy, China, Africa and other fields have been greatly blessed by the labors of the very able, efficient and devoted missionaries who have labored long and faithfully in this noble work; but they are sending home their cries for more men, as well as means to sustain those now in the field. The California missionaries among the Chinese are also demanding our attention. Shall we not heed these calls, or shall we turn a deaf ear to them all Let us rejoice and thank God that we, as followers of Christ, have the privilege of aiding in the great work of sending the gospel to the heathen.

Respectfully submitted,
ISHAM ROYAL,
J. L. AUTRY,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made by Elders R. Fisher and D. W. Tew, when a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to $4.45.

Special order being the report on Ministerial Education, Elder J. T. Townsend read the report, when the Association was addressed on that subject by Elder J. T. Townsend, D. W. Tew, I. Royal, D. T. Averitt, Elder C. S. Cashwell, W. J. Honrine and the Moderator, when a collection was taken up for Ministerial Education, amounting to $6.53.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion took a recess for one hour-

Resumed business.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren, when Bro. Jas. Marsh, of the Cedar Creek Association, reported himself as a visitor and was welcomed.

On motion D. W. Tew, H. Johnson and I. Strickland were granted leave absence for the session.

On motion ordered that the collection to-morrow be applied to Associational Missions.

Preaching at the stand by Elder W. C. West.

On motion ordered that the Clerk prepare a list of Ordained and Licentiate Ministers belonging to this Association for publication in the Minutes.

A vote of thanks was given the citizens of this vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

On motion ordered that the Clerk have $10 for his services.

Ordered that the Clerk have as many Minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify, and that they be distributed among the churches in proportion to the money received from each church.

Corresponding Messengers called on to report.

J. B. Downing reported having attended the Cedar Creek and Cape Fear Associations, and was cordially welcomed. K. Vann attended the Eastern Association, and was cordially received. Elder A. B. Alderman reported attending the Little River Association, and was cordially received.

The following were appointed a Committee on Sabbath School Institutes: D. R. Autry, R. T. Strickland, F. H. Howard, D. W. Tew and J. W. Layton.

On motion ordered that any unfinished business be referred to the Executive Board.

Minutes of to-day read and approved.

On motion adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Prayer by Elder R. Fisher. The Moderator made feeling and appropriate remarks.

Sang hymn—"Blest be the tie that binds," during the singing of which the brethren affectionately took leave of each other.

Benediction by Elder W. C. West.

A. B. ALDERMAN,
Moderator.

JOHN B. DOWNING,
Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, Nov. 16th, 1879.

Held Sunday school mass meeting in the house. Isham Royal was made chairman. Prayer by Bro. D. T. Averitt. The meeting was addressed by Bro. D. T. Averitt, Jas. L. Autry, and Elders C. S. Cashwell and J. T. Townsend, interspersed with sweet Sunday school music by Bro. Jackson and his class.

A lerge and orderly congregation then repaired to the stand, when the Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder A. B. Alderman, from Matt. 13 chap., 47th and 48th verses. At the close of the sermon a collection for Associational Missions was taken up, amounting to $6.80. Elder C. S. Cashwell immediately followed, with a discourse from Luke 14th chap. and 18th verse.

Thus closed one of the most harmonious meetings it has ever been our privilege to attend, and we trust our kind Benefactor will permit us all to meet again at our next session.

J. B. Downing,
Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	No. Volumes in Library.	No. papers taken.	Lessons from Am. Baptist Pub. Society.
Baptist Chapel..........	M. O. Jackson............	5	82	87	......	...	....
Brown's................	....	...	......	.....	......	...	....
Concord....................	D. K. Hall..................	4	74	78	......	...	....
Ebenezer..................	R. Highsmith..............	3	31	34	......	...	....
Lilly's Grove............	E. S. Herring..............	6	50	56	......	12	....
Long Branch............	J. L. Autry..................	...	......	83	......	...	....
Magnolia	A. Overton....	6	43	49	125	...	....
Mt. Elam..................	T. N. Jackson	3	45	48	......	...	....
Oliver's Grove...........	Julian Alderman.........	6	70	76	......	...	....
Piney Green.............	....	...	......	.....	......	...	....
Pleasant Union.........	F. H. Howard.............	4	60	64	......	...	....
Salem......................	A. J. Cooper...............	6	61	67	150	10	47
Spring Branch...........	G. Godwin..................	5	48	53	......	...	....
Union Grove.............	....	...	......	.....	......	...	....
White Oak...............	....	...	......	.....	......	...	....
		48	564	695	275	22	47

LIST OF DELEGATES AND STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number Males.	Number Females.	No. Colored.	Total.
Baptist Chapel	D. H. Hayes, H. L. Rench, J. Culbreth	14	......	1	8	10	1	64	94	16	174
Brown's	Elder H. J. Duncan	20	1	1	5	2	1	57	77	...	134
Concord	J. B. Downing, D. K. Hall, D. Bedsold	...	1	2	17	4	1	35	77	...	112
Ebenezer	K. Vann, T. J. Highsmith, L. J. Vann	1	......	...	1	2	...	30	31	...	61
Lilly's Grove	J. T. Townsend, S. J. Guy, G. Breece	7	1	...	3	3	...	22	22	...	44
Long Branch	J. L. Autry, B. Williams, E. V. Cooper	8	5	...	1	2	..	42	48	2	92
Magnolia	A. Overton, W. J. Honrine, J. H. Averitt	...	1	...	2	3	2	19	47	...	66
Mt. Elam	D. Warren, R. Huneycutt, W. B. Huneycutt.	5	......	...	2	3	1	24	45	...	69
Oliver's Grove	H. Johnson, I. Strickland	...	2	...	......	...	...	......	......	...	8
Piney Green	W. W. Draughon, J. R. Draughon, D. W. Tew	...	......	...	2	9	1	......	92	16	108
Pleasant Union	F. H. Howard, J. Sessom	...	4	1	7	1	1	53	92	...	145
Salem	I. Royall, A. J. Cooper	...	1	...	5	...	...	67	111	...	178
Spring Branch	J. W. Layton, Jos. A. Dawson	1	1	...	3	3	2	67	119	...	186
Union Grove	D. Williams, Jr., D. Williams, Sr.	...	3	...	......	1	...	14	9	...	23
White Oak	A. C. Crumpler, W. J. Faircloth, H. Spell	...	......	...	......	...	...	43	89	...	132
Macedonia	Thos. Starling, W. R. Jackson, D. Carter	18	9	...	......	...	...	23	23	...	46
Hickory Grove	H. B. Canaday, J. A. Beaman	3	6	...	......	...	...	......	......	...	9
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PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.
Baptist Chapel	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	S. B. Page	Hawley's Store.
Brown's	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	Jas. Britt	Clinton.
Concord	R. Newton	Fayetteville	J. B. Downing	Buckhorn.
Ebenezer	G. S. Best	Kenansville, N. C	R. Highsmith	Warnersville.
Lilly's Grove	R. Newton	Fayetteville	W. R. Haywood	Fayetteville.
Long Branch	H. S. Spivey	Clinton	D. R. Autry	Dismal.
Magnolia	R. Newton	Fayetteville	J. H. Averitt	Blocker's.
Mt. Elam	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	B. Warren	Hawley's Store.
Oliver's Grove	S. C. Page	Beasly Hill	E. R. Oliver	Beasley Hill.
Piney Green				
Pleasant Union	J. B. Downing	Cedar Creek	J. Fisher	Owensville.
Salem	H. S. Spivy	Clinton	J. C. Howard	Huntley.
Spring Branch	J. T. Townsend	Fayetteville	G. Godwin	Giles' Mills.
Union Grove	Jno. O. Tew	Huntley	Wiley Williams	Dismal.
White Oak	G. S. Best	Kenansville	R. N. Butler	Newton Grove.
Macedonia	R. Fisher	Blocker's	B. S. Horn	Buckhorn.
Hickory Grove	H. J. Duncan	Clinton	J. A. Beaman	Beaman's Cross Roads.

Digest of Church Letters.

Baptist Chapel has had a revival; 13 professed faith in Christ; time of meeting, 2nd Sunday and day before.

Brown's.—Not represented by letter; has had a meeting of days; received 18 by baptism.

Concord.—Nothing special; has a good Sabbath school; time of meeting, 2nd Sunday and day before

Lilly's Grove —Has been revived; received seven by baptism; time of meeting, 1st Sunday and day before.

Long Branch.—Has been somewhat revived; received eight by baptism; has a good Sabbath school; time of meeting 4th Sunday and day before.

Magnolia.—Nothing special; has a good Sabbath school; time of meeting, 2nd Sunday and day before.

Mt. Elam —All in peace; W. M. Page is pastor; time of meeting, 3rd Sunday and day before; has a good Sabbath school.

Oliver's Grove —In peace; surrounded with great opposition; has a weekly prayer meeting; time of meeting, 4th Sabbath and day before.

Piney Green.—Seem to be in a cold state, but hope for better things soon; has no pastor.

Pleasant Union.—Is in peace; has an interesting Sabbath school; time of meeting, 4th Sabbath and day before.

Salem —Is at peace; has an evergreen Sabbath school; time of meeting, 3rd Sunday and day before; Elder H. S. Spivey is pastor.

Spring Branch.—Has nothing special to communicate; has a good Sabbath school; Elder J. T. Townsend is pastor; time of meeting, 1st Sabbath and day before.

Union Grove.—Has been revived; time of meeting, 1st Sunday and day before; Elder J. O. Tew, pastor.

White Oak.—Has nothing special; is in peace; time of meeting, 4th Sabbath and day before; Elder G. S. Best is pastor.

Macedonia.—Is a newly constituted church; has had a glorious revival; received 18 by baptism; time of meeting, 1st Sabbath and day before; Elder R. Fisher is pastor.

Hickory Grove.—Is also a newly constituted church, and is very hopeful; time of meeting, 2nd Sabbath and day before; Elder H. J. Duncan is pastor.

Constitution of the South River Baptist Association.

Article 1—This body shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Art. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3—This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected

ART. 6 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes amongthe churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8--It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10—Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12—The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13—The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday before the third Sabbath in November at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14—By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15—This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderetor *pro tem* shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3—At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7.—All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9.—When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14.—These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

November 16th, 17th and 18th, 1880.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
December, 1880.

Ordained Ministers.

H. S. SPIVEY,
REUBEN FISHER,
WILEY M. PAGE,
H. J. DUNCAN,
J. O. TEW,
J. W. BELL.

A. B. ALDERMAN,
J. T. TOWNSEND,
S. C. PAGE,
D. A. BUIE,
D. W. TEW.

Licentiates.

G. GODWIN,
E. S. HERRING,
W. F. HALL.

J. A. DAWSON,
R. HUNYCUTT,

PROCEEDINGS.

Ebernezer, Sampson County, N. C.,
November 16th, 1880.

The fourth session of the South River Association met with the church at Ebenezer, Sampson county, N. C., Nov. 16th, 1880.

The Introductory Sermon was preached, as per appointment, by Elder J. T. Townsend, from Exodus 14: 15; ("Go forward.")

After an intermission of thirty minutes for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder A. B. Alderman, who read a part of the 8th chapter Matthew, and sang hymn 982. Elder S. C. Page led in prayer.

The list of churches being called, a majority being present, the Association proceeded to business.

On motion, appointed Elder J. T. Townsend and Whitney Royal, Reading Clerks, and Elder H. J. Duncan and J. D. Maloy a committee of Finance. Called for and read Church Letters and enrolled delegates. (See Statistical Table.)

The term of office of the present officers having expired, on motion, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Appointed tellers as follows: For Moderator—Elders J. O. Tew and D. W. Tew; for Clerk—J. A. Beaman and S. J. Guy; for Treasurer—Elder H. J. Duncan and D. T. Averitt. Result of election: Elder A. B. Alderman re-elected Moderator, John B. Downing re-elected Clerk, and Robert Highsmith, Treasurer.

A letter was read from Bro. J. L. Autry tendering his resignation as Treasurer of this Association.

On motion, adopted the following Order of Business:

1st. Reading church letters and enrolling delegates.
2nd. Election of officers.
3rd. Invitation to Corresponding Delegates and visitors.
4th. Call for petitionary letters.
5th. Appointment of committees.
6th. Selection of place for next meeting.
7th. Reports of committees.
8th. Report of Treasurer.
9th. Miscellaneous business.
10th. Adjournment.

An invitation given to Corresponding Delegates and visitors. None present.

Called for petitionary letters, when Rowan church, from the Eastern Association, presented herself with letter and delegates asking admittance.

On motion, it was received, and the following enrolled as delegates: Stephen Boon, Asel Alderman and Alexander Gotier, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

Trinity, a newly constituted church, presented her letter asking admittance into this body.

On motion, it was received, and the following enrolled as delegate: T. T. Lee, and the right hand of fellowship given him by the Moderator.

On motion, the pastor and officers of this church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, appointed the following committees:

On Foreign Missions—Elders D. W. Tew and W. M. Page.
On Associational Missions—W. J. Honrine and Elder J. T. Townsend.
On State Missions—Isham Royal and Elder H. S. Spivey.
On Education—D. T. Everitt and Elder A. B. Alderman.
On Sabbath Schools—J. A. Beaman and Whitney Royal.
On Periodicals—Elders S. C. Page and J. O. Tew.
On Correspondence—Elder H. J. Duncan and Stephen Boon.
Auditing Committee—John B. Downing and K. Vann.
Committee to nominate an Executive Board—G. Godwin, Elder J. T. Townsend and K. Vann.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to prepare a digest of the state of religion in the churches as indicated by the church letters, to be printed in the Minutes.

On motion, R. Hunycutt and B. Warren were appointed a committee on Temperance and Intemperance.

On motion, W. J. Honrine and K. Vann were appointed a committee on Ministerial Support.

On motion, agreed to preach the Missionary Sermon Thursday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Committee on Religious Exercises announced Elder J. O. Tew to preach at 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, and Elder D. W. Tew in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned to 9½, A. M., to-morrow.

R. Hunycutt lead in prayer. Sang the L. M. doxology. Benediction by Elder H. S. Spivey.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Nov. 17th, 1880.

The Association met as per adjournment.

The Moderator read the 28th chapter of Matthew; used hymn 1012.

I Royal led in prayer.

Called a list of churches and delegates.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Renewed invitations to visiting brethren. None present.

Called for reports of committees.

I. Royal read the annual report of the Executive Board. After some remarks from I. Royal and the Moderator, the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We herewith present our annual report:

We considered it advisable at the beginning of the year to concentrate our efforts. We have had Elder H. J. Duncan employed monthly at Peacock's X Roads, in Johnston county, and Elder Reuben Fisher, monthly, at Maple Grove in Sampson county. They both report good and attentive congregations and some interest. Bro. Fisher held a meeting of some days at Maple Grove, and was assisted by Elder J. O. Tew. There were no professions made but we feel that good seed has been sown. that may spring up and bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God.

Elder Duncan, aided by Elders William Bland and S. C. Page, organized a church at Peacock's X Roads, with four members; since the organization, two others have been added to the church.

We feel encouraged about the interest at these two points, and not withstanding the growth may be slow. we think that eventually a permanent interest will be established at both these points.

Elder A. B. Alderman, at the request of the Board, made a visit to Miry Branch School House, but we thought it best not to attempt to occupy this point.

The report of the Treasurer will show the amounts received and expended by the committee during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL, Chm'n.

I. Royal offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Board of this Association be requested to consider the propriety of employing a General Missionary.

After some remarks from Elder J. T. Townsend, I. Royal, Elder S. C. Page, W. J. Honrine and Elder H. S. Spivey, the brethren and friends came forward and laid $6.56 on the table for Associational Missions; and the following brethren pledged the amounts affixed to their names: I. Royal, $3; G. Godwin, $2; W. J. Honrine, $5; J. A. Beaman, $5; B. Warren, $5; O. D. Stricklin, $2; when, on motion, the resolution was adopted.

Renewed an invitation to visiting brethren, when J. Newton, from Cedar Creek Association, reported as a visitor and was welcomed.

Read letters from churches not represented on yesterday.

On motion, proceeded to locate the next session of this body.

On motion, agreed to hold the next session of this body with the church at Brown's, Sampson county, N. C., on Tuesday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1881.

On motion, appointed Elder S. C. Page to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder J. O. Tew, alternate. And Elder A. B. Alderman to preach the Missionary Sermon; Elder J. T. Townsend alternate.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren, when Bro. G. W. Highsmith, from the Eastern Association, reported himself and was welcomed.

Preaching at the Stand by Elder J. O. Tew.

Committee on State Missions reported. Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by I. Royal:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We feel that missions are a great part of our work; and while we may feel that Associational missions are our special work, we must not forget that the State Mission Board is doing a noble work and occupying many points that the Association cannot reach. We feel that it is our duty and privilege to come up and aid this Board in their work of supplying the destitute with the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL,
H. S. SPIVEY,
Committee.

The Treasurer's report was next read, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Nov. 14th, 1879.	To balance on hand,	$ 5 80
" 15th, "	" Home Missions,	20 62
" " "	" Foreign Missions,	8 54
" " "	" " "	50
" " "	" Minute Fund,	27 72
" " "	" Home Missions, Friday's collection,	5 12
" " "	" Foreign " " "	4 45
" 16th, "	" Home " Sunday's "	6 80
" " "	" Ministerial Education,	6 64
		$86 19

By cash, T. B. S. C., M. E.,	$ 6 64
" " " " " F. M.,	13 49
" " Clerk, M. F.,	27 72
" balance on hand,	38 34
	$86 19

Respectfully submitted,
November 15th, 1880.

J. L. AUTREY, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

J. B. DOWNING, }
KEDAR VANN, } Com.

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board was not made last year in time for publication in the Minutes, that it be inserted in the Minutes of this session:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

H. G. BRITT, *Treasurer Executive Board of South River Association:*

1878.		Dr.
Dec.	Mount Elam,	$ 1 10
	Salem,	95
	Ebenezer,	1 26
	White Oak,	2 00
	Baptist Chapel,	2 00
	Spring Branch,	1 38
	Public Collection,	3 75
1879.		
March	Concord	1 10
	Salem,	3 28
	Long Branch,	2 00
	Spring Branch,	2 10
	Mount Elam,	1 00
	Piney Green,	2 00
	White Oak,	2 35
	Union Grove,	1 85
	Baptist Chapel,	1 15
	Brown's,	51
	Ebenezer,	2 10
	Lilley's Grove	50
	Public Collection,	5 65
June.	Baptist Chapel,	3 44
	Lilley's Grove,	1 75
	Piney Green & Salem,	4 50
	Amount forward,	$ 47 72
1879.		Dr.
	Am't brot. forward,	$ 47 72
June.	Spring Branch,	1 30
	Ebenezer	1 90
	White Oak,	1 60
	Long Branch,	6 98
	Brown's,	2 01
	Mount Elam,	1 05
	Public collection,	5 00
Aug.	Baptist Chapel,	3 03
	Brown's,	1 00
	Mount Elam,	1 00
	Piney Green,	20
	Salem,	2 75
	Spring Branch,	1 00
	White Oak,	2 25
	Union Grove,	1 00
	Ebenezer,	1 08
Nov.	Received by K. Vann, Treas., *pro tem.*:	
	Public collection, Mt. Elam,	2 31
	Macedonia,	3 62
	Treasurer of Association,	27 82
		$114 62

1878.		Cr.
Dec.	S. C. Page,	$ 5 00
	W. M. Page,	1 87
	R. Fisher,	1 25
	H. J. Duncan,	1 25
1879.		
March.	R. Fisher,	2 50
	H. J. Duncan,	10 00
June.	J. T. Townsend,	3 75
	H. J. Duncan,	16 25
	J. O. Tew,	3 75
	R. Fisher,	3 75
	Am't forward,	$ 49 37
1879.		Cr-
	Am't brot. over,	$ 49 37
Aug.	H. J. Duncan,	17 50
	R. Fisher,	2 50
	J. T. Townsend,	3 75
	Pd. out by K. Vann, Treas., *pro tem.*:	
Nov.	R. Fisher,	15 00
H. J. Duncan,		15 00
	J. T. Townsend,	3 75
	Bal. in hands of H. G. Britt, Treas.,	7 75
		$114 62

Examined and found correct, ISHAM ROYAL, Ch'm Aud. Com.

Bro. A. S. Smith reported as a visitor from the Cedar Creek Association and was welcomed.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Pending the adoption of the report, the Association was addressed by I. Royal D. Williams, Elder J. B. Downing and A. S. Smith:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: Believing that it is the duty of every church to have a Sunday School, not only in the churches but in every neighborhood where there is not a church convenient,—think it a duty of every Baptist to take an interest in this work. It is a good work and has caused many a soul to be converted; and we do urge on every member of this Association to go to work and see that every place is filled in every neighborhood with a good Sunday school. Respectfully submitted,

W. ROYAL, Chm'n Com.

Elder J. B. Downing announced himself as a visitor from the Cedar Creek Association, and was welcomed.

Committee on Correspondence reported.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondents submit the following:

TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION—Elders J. T. Townsend, A. B. Alderman, Isham Royal.

TO CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION—Elders W. M. Page, J. O. Tew and Bro. J. B. Downing.

TO LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION—Elders D. W. Tew, Jas. L. Autry, E. S. Hearring.

TO EASTERN ASSOCIATION—Elders H. S. Spivy, J. W. Bell and Bro. Kader Vann.

TO THE CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION—Elders R. Fisher, J. A. Dawson, David Autry.

TO THE RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—Elders S. C. Page, T. T. Lee, Harry Johnson. Respectfully submitted,

H. J. DUNCAN,
STEPHEN BOON,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Committee to nominate an Executive Board reported.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee to nominate an Executive Board, recommend the following:

Whitney Royal, W. J. Honrine, S. J. Guy, J. A. Beaman, J. J. Highsmith, Harry G. Britt and G. Godwin.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Committee on Periodicals reported.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made in behalf of the RECORDER by Elder S. C. Page, (acting agent for the RECORDER), Bro. W. J. Honrine and Elder W. M. Page.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Periodicals feel that the necessity of the patronage of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of the North Carolina Baptists, by every Baptist family in the State, is too well known and too highly appreciated to demand either defence or recommendation at our hands. The able, courteous and uncompromising manner of the editors in the defence of truth and exposition of error, as well as in the support of our institutions of learning and in awakening a true missionary spirit among our brethren, as an auxilliary in the spread of the gospel among all nations, should not only entitle the paper to the hearty support of every Baptist household in the State, but make it a necessity to every lover of religious liberty and christian intelligence. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Kind Words*, and the *Young Reaper*, as worthy of our support.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. PAGE,
J. O. TEW,
Committee.

On motion, adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

The Committee on Associational Missions reported.

Pending the adoption of the report, the Association was addressed by W. J. Honrine, Elder H. J. Duncan, Elder W. M. Page, closing by Moderator Alderman.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

Brethren: Your Committee, while we feel more than gratified at the success of our Home Mission work, we also feel there is much more to be done. Let us go forward and possess the land, for we are able. Let us not rest satisfied until we establish our principles in every neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HONRINE,
J. T. TOWNSEND,
Committee.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. B. Downing.

On motion, Bro. Stephen Boon was given leave of absence for the term.

Committee on Temperance and Intemperance reported, when the Association was addressed by Elder J. T. Townsend, D. T. Averitt, I. Royal, and closing by Moderator Alderman.

On motion, adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND INTEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Temperance and Intemperance feel that they cannot urge the necessity of temperance too strong, from the fact that the body would be more healthy, the mind more active and the heart better prepared to understand and receive the precious teaching of the gospel of Christ, which is given to guide man from earth to glory, and would be instrumental in plenty at home, and peace at home and abroad. Brethren, we are taught in the holy word of God to be temperate in all things, which, if obeyed, would be an ornament to every child of grace. Brethren, if we live after the flesh, we shall die; but if after the spirit, we shall live. Then let us impress the necessity of being temperate in all things; for intemperance, oh how awful! It gendereth to wo! brings diseases, shortens the days of man, yea, will serve to deprive man of eternal joy! Especially, the intoxicating drink which biteth like an adder and stingeth like a serpent. Yea, no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God! Brethren, the surrounding circumstances will not permit anything like justice done to this subject.

Respectfully submitted.

R. HUNEYCUTT, Chm'n.,
BURRELL WARREN,
Committee.

On motion, the reports on Foreign Missions and Ministerial Support were made the first order of business on to-morrow.

On motion, agreed to amend the Constitution to change the time of meeting of this Association from Tuesday before the third Sabbath in November, to Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

On motion, Elder J. T. Townsend, Elder W. M. Page and D. T. Averitt, were appointed a Committee on Obituaries.

On motion adjourned to 9½ A. M., to-morrow.

Prayer, Elder J. T. Townsend leading.

Sang the L. M. Doxology.

Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, Nov. 18th, 1880.

The Association met as per adjournment.

The Moderator read the 1st chapter of Acts, used hymn No. 1023.

Bro. D. T. Averitt led in prayer.

Called a list of churches and delegates.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

The report on Foreign Missions being the first business in order, the report was read by Elder D. W. Tew, chairman of the committee, when the Association was addressed by Bro. Isham Royal. At the close of his remarks the brethren and friends came forward and laid $5.40 on the table for Foreign Missions, when, on motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The field is already white unto the harvest, and many have been the cries for help. The signal blessing of God on the labor of missionaries among the heathen should encourage us to a more hearty support and combined effort for the support of Foreign Missions. Brethren, let us heed the oft repeated calls to come over and help. We propose to maintain that at this enlightened day there should be no delinquency upon the part of our brethren to aid heartily in this grand and noble work.

Respectfully,
D. W. TEW,
W. M. PAGE.

The Finance Committee reported, and, on motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Asssociational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Paid to N. B. Cobb and R. Fisher.
Baptist Chapel	$ 2 50	$ 2 03	$ 2 50	......	....
Brown's	1 60	4 00	......	......	....
Concord	3 10	......	......	......	$14 65
Ebenezer	1 50	40	45	......	....
Hickory Grove	50	75	......	75	....
Lilly's Grove	1 50	2 48	2 25	......	....
Long Branch	3 00	......	2 42	......	....
Macedonia	3 00	1 55	......	......	....
Magnolia	1 10	1 45	55	......	....
Mt. Elam	1 00	2 40	1 00	......	....
Oliver's Grove	50	1 00	......	......	....
Piney Green	2 00	1 00	75	......	....
Pleasant Union	1 25	......	4 00	......	....
Salem	2 50	2 50	2 35	......	....
Spring Branch	2 25	1 50	......	......	....
Union Grove	75	......	......	......	....
White Oak	2 75	3 01	......	......	....
Rowan	1 00	......	......	......	....
Trinity	......	......	......	......	....
From other sources	70	......	......	......	....
	$32 50	$24 07	$16 27	.75	$14 65

Respectfully submitted.
H. J. DUNCAN, } Committee.
J. D. MALLOY, }

Examined and found correct.

J. B. DOWNING, } Auditing.
KADER VANN, } Committee.

On motion, it was ordered that the Finance Committee pay over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk be paid $10 for his services, and that he have as many minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify, and distribute them *pro rata* among the churches.

The Treasurer of the Executive Board reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Dr.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	
Baptist Chapel	$12 43	$......	
Brown's	10 05	......	
Concord	1 01	1 10	
Ebenezer	5 45	......	
Lilly's Grove	3 15	1 95	
Long Branch	7 80	......	
Magnolia	6 47	1 87	
Mt. Elam	3 91	......	
Oliver's Grove	......	......	
Piney Green	6 05	......	
Pleasant Union	1 37	1 03	
Salem	8 88	75	
Spring Branch	2 46	......	
Union Grove	2 50	......	
White Oak	9 46	......	
Macedonia	......	50	
Hickory Grove	50	......	
Handed in by H. Butt	2 00	......	
	$63 49	$7 20	$70 69
Contributed at various union meetings			45 08
			$115 77

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Paid out by order of I. Royal, Chairman of Ex. Board, to Elder A. B. Alderman	$ 3 75
" Reuben Fisher	33 50
" H. J. Duncan	43 50
" J. O. Tew	8 00
" William Bland	1 25
" S. C. Page	2 50
To J. L. Autry, Treasurer of South River Association, for Foreign Missions	7 20
	$99 70
Balance on hand	16 07
	$115 77

J. A. BEAMAN, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

J. B. DOWNING, } Auditing
KADAR VANN, } Committee.

Elder J. T. Townsend offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That as the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board was not made last year in time for publication in the minutes, that it be inserted in the minutes of this session.

The report on Ministerial Support being the next business in order, Bro. W. J. Honrine read the report, when the Association was addressed by Brethren D. T. Averitt and W. J. Honrine, closing by the Moderator, when the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Brethren, we, your committee, would call your attention to the very low salaries of ministers. Our Bible teaches us it is our duty to support our pastors. Brethren, are we doing our duty?

W. J. HONRINE,
K. VANN.

The Committee on Education report as follows, which was, on motion, adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is of such extensive range that it cannot be expected that it can have justice done it in a brief report. One pleasant reflection on this subject is that the interest felt in it is on the increase. Reflect on the change that has taken place in forty years and the watch-word is still onward. Respectfully submitted.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted their report which was, on motion, adopted as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee, with sorrow, have to state that death has entered our ranks and removed from our midst three of our aged brethren, to-wit: Brethren Joseph Herring, of White Oak Church; Blackman Jackson, of Baptist Chapel, and Noel West, of Spring Branch, and one of our young brothers, J. W. Laton, of Spring Branch, and Bro. G. M. Tatom, of Ebenezer, and others whose names we have failed to get.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. TOWNSEND, }
D. T. AVERITT, } Committee.
W. M. PAGE. }

On motion, R. F. Stricklin, Daniel Williams, John N Cooper, Marshal O. Jackson and James Shipp were appointed a Committee on Sabbath School Institute.

Bro. Isham Royal offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association tender its warmest and most heartfelt thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the very liberal and hospitable way in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors to this body.

On motion adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Moderator Alderman led in prayer. Sang the hymn—"Blest be the tie that binds," &c., during the singing of which the brethren affectionately took leave of each other. Benediction by Elder Wiley M. Page.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

After an intermission of about thirty minutes, the missionary sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Page, from Matthew 24th chapter and 14th verse. At the close of the sermon a collection for Associational Missions, amounting to $3, was taken up.

Thus closed a harmonious meeting, and we trust we shall all be permitted to meet at our next session.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	Volumes in Library.	Foreign Missions.	No. memori'ed Questions.
Baptist Chapel,	M. O. Jackson,	5	105	110	......	$.....	......
Brown's,	......	...	......	......	......	......	......
Concord,	James B. Jackson,	4	53	57	......	88	1027
Ebenezer.	R. Highsmith,	4	35	39	......	......	......
Hickory Grove,	......	...	......	......	......	......	......
Lilly's Grove,	......	...	......	......	......	......	......
Long Branch,	J. W. Autry,	4	34	38	......	2 42	......
Macedonia,	D. T. Averitt,	5	40	45	......	50	......
Mt. Elam,	......	...	......	......	......	......	......
Oliver's Grove,	......	...	......	......	......	......	......
Piney Green,	......	...	......	......	......	......	......
Pleasant Union,	F. H. Howard,	5	50	55	......	......	......
Rowan,	I. F. Duncan,	...	......	......	......	......	......
Salem,	Erastus Cooper,	5	45	50	150	......	......
Spivey Branch,	D. H. Dickson,	3	45	48	......	......	......
Union Grove,	Daniel Williams,	...	......	......	......	......	......
White,	John Butler,	4	35	39	......	......	......
		39	442	481	150	$380	1027

Concord school read 130 chapters of the Bible. Salem school takes 23 copies of Young Reaper, 5 copies Baptist Teacher, 15 copies Bible Lessons Quarterly, and 15 copies Children's Picture Lessons.

LIST OF DELEGATES AND STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. of Males.	No. of Females	No. Colored.	Total.
Baptist Chapel,	Elder A. B. Alderman, Whitney Royal, J. D. Maloy,	12	2	1	2	4	1	73	97	7	177
Brown's,	H. G. Britt, Elder H. J. Duncan, T. W. Britt,	...	...	...	2	2	...	52	74	...	126
Concord,	John B. Downing, D. J. Davis, Duncan Badsole,	21	8	11	3	7	1	48	97	...	145
Ebenezer,	R. Highsmith. L. J. Alderman, Kader Vann,	...	4	...	1	1	2	30	33	...	63
Hickory Grove,	*H. B. Carady, *M. Bass, J. A. Beaman,	4	2	...	...	...	...	7	10	...	17
Lilley's Grove,	Elder J. T. Townsend, U. Underwood, S. J. Guy,	...	3	...	...	1	...	23	24	...	47
Long Branch,	*J. L. Autry, *B. Williams, L. W. Autry,	...	2	..	4	...	...	38	48	2	88
Macedonia,	D. T. Averitt, M. H. Sessoms, H. N. Carter,	...	13	...	3	1	...	25	30	...	55
Magnolia,	*H. Jones, W. J. Honrine, *J. H. Averitt,	..	1	...	2	1	...	20	44	...	64
Mt. Elam,	B. Warren, R. Huneycutt, *W. B. Huneycutt,	...	...	...	2	...	1	25	45	...	70
Oliver's Grove,	Elder S. C. Page,	...	...	...	...	...	...	......	......	...	8
Piney Green,	Elder J. O. Tew, Elder D. W. Tew, *J. R. Draughon,	7	1	4	1	...	1	32	95	15	142
Pleasant Union,	Jordan Sessoms, *J. F. Hall, *F. H. Howard,	...	...	...	3	3	1	48	87	...	135
Rowan,	Stephen Boon, Asel Alderman, Alexander Gotier,	12	...	...	2	1	2	44	85	...	89
Salem,	I. Royal, Elder H. S. Spivey, W. R. McKinzie,	8	1	...	...	1	2	62	111	...	173
Spring Branch,	G. Godwin, O. D. Stricklin, W. S. Jackson,	9	3	2	2	2	3	66	123	...	189
Trinity,	T. T. Lee,	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	4	...	6
Union Grove,	*J. Naylor, M. O. Williams, D. Williams,	3	2	...	...	...	..	14	14	...	28
White Oak,	J. Butler, M. B. Fowler, R. N. Butler,	8	1	1	2	3	2	49	88	...	137
		84	33	19	29	27	16	678	1109	24	1759

Those marked * were absent.

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Baptist Chapel	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	S. B. Page	Hawley's Store.
Brown's	" "	" "	Wm. J. Shipp	Clinton.
Concord	Reuben Newton	Fayetteville	John B. Downing	Buckhorn.
Ebenezer	H. S. Spivey	Clinton	R. Highsmith	Warrensville.
Hickory Grove	H. J. Duncan	"	J. A. Beaman	Beaman's ✕ Roads.
Lilly's Grove			W. B. Haywood	Fayetteville.
Long Branch	A. B. Alderman	Giles' Mills	L. W. Autry	Dismal.
Macedonia	R. Fisher	Blocker's	B. S. Horn	Buckhorn.
Magnolia	R. Newton	Fayetteville	J. H. Averitt	Blocker's.
Mt. Elam	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	B. Warren	Hawley's Store.
Oliver's Grove	S. C. Page	Beasley Hill	Haywood Johnson	Beasley Hill.
Piney Green	J. W. Bell	Clinton	J. R. Canady	Clinton.
Pleasant Union	J. B. Downing	Clay Fork	John Fisher	Owensville.
Rowan	J. W. Bell	Clinton	J. J. Molpass	Clinton.
Salem	H. S. Spivey	"	J. C. Howard	Huntly.
Spring Branch	J. T. Townsend	Fayetteville	G. Godwin	Giles' Mills.
Trinity	Under the care of Board,		Harry Johnson	Peacock's ✕ Roads.
Union Grove	J. O. Tew	Huntly	Wiley Williams	
White Oak	H. S. Spivey	Clinton	R. N. Butler	

Digest of Church Letters.

BAPTIST CHAPEL has been greatly revived; received 12 by baptism; Elder W. M. Page is pastor; time of Meeting, 2d Sabbath.

BROWN'S—Nothing special; Elder W. M. Page, pastor; time of meeting, 4th Sabbath.

CONCORD has had a glorious revival; 21 received by baptism; Elder R. Newton, pastor; time of meeting, 1st Sabbath in each month.

EBENEZER—Nothing special; Elder H. S. Spivey is pastor; time of meeting, 4th Sabbath and day before in each month.

HICKORY GROVE reports 4 received by baptism; Elder H. J. Duncan, pastor; time of meeting, 2d Sabbath in each month.

LILLY'S GROVE is at peace; time of meeting 1st Sabbath.

LONG BRANCH is not at peace.

MACEDONIA is at peace.

MAGNOLIA—Nothing special; time of meeming, 4th Sabbath.

MT. ELAM reports nothing special.

OLIVER'S GROVE—No special change to report.

PINEY GREEN has had a gracious revival; received 9 by baptism; time of meeting, 4th Sabbath in each month.

PLEASANT UNION is in peace.

ROWAN reports no special change; time of meeting 2d Sabbath in each month.

SALEM has been revived; 8 received by baptism; has an evergreen Sabbath school.

SPRING BRANCH has been greatly revived; time of meeting 1st Sabbath in each month.

UNION GROVE—Nothing special; time of meeting, 1st Sabbath in each month.

WHITE OAK has been greatly revived; time of meeting 3d Sabbath in each month.

Constitution of the South River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

Art. 13 The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3.—At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7.—All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9.—When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Maderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12.—All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14.—These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Brown's Meeting House,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 18th, 19th and 20th, 1881.

Compiled by ISHAM ROYAL.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., STEAM PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
1881.

OFFICERS.

Rev. A. B. Alderman, Moderator,.....Hawley's Store, N. C.
Isham Royal, Clerk,............... ....Huntley, N. C.
Robert Highsmith, Treasurer, ...Clinton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

S. J. Guy, Chairman,..........................Fayetteville, N. C.
W. Royal, Secretary,......... . ...Hawley's Store, N. C.
J. A. Beaman, Treasurer............Beaman's X Roads, N. C.
H. G. Britt,
W. J. Hornrine,
G. Godwin,
R. Highsmith.

MINISTERS.

H. S. Spivey,
A. B. Alderman,
W. M. Page,
J. T. Townsend,
J. O. Tew,
Reuben Fisher.
H. J. Duncan,
S. C. Page,
D. W. Tew,
J. W. Bell,
D. A. Buie.

PROCEEDINGS.

Brown's Meeting House, Sampson Co.,
Tuesday, October 18th, 1881.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. O. Tew, from John xix : 30 : " It is finished."

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by Elder A. D. Alderman, Moderator, who read 1 John, 3rd chapter. Elder J. R. Oliver led in prayer. J. B. Downing, Clerk, being absent, Isham Royal was appointed Clerk *pro tem.*

A majority of the churches being represented, proceeded to the regular business.

Elders H. J. Duncan and J. O. Tew were appointed a committee of Finance.

Whitney Royal and Elder D. W. Tew were appointed Reading Clerks.

The pastor and officers of the church and John Fisher were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

The letters from the churches were read, and the delegates enrolled, as follows:

Baptist Chapel—A. B. Alderman, W. M. Page, W. Royal.
Brown's M. H.—Jas. Shipp, H. G. Britt, M. McLamb.
Concord—D. J. Davis.
Ebenezer—R. Highsmith, J. C Robinson, T. E. Carroll
Hickory Grove—Sampson Weeks, W. R. Warren, J. A. Beaman.
Lilley's Grove—S. J. Guy.
Long Branch—Blackman Williams.
Macedonia—M. H. Sessoms, W. R. Jackson.
Magnolia—W. J. Hornrine, R. Newton.
Mount Elam—Wm. Strickland, R. Honeycutt, D. H. Jackson.
Oliver's Grove—Represented by letter.
Piny Green—Amma Royal, D. W. Tew.
Pleasant Union--John Fisher.
Rowan—I. F. Duncan, J. B. Lewis.
Salem—Isham Royal.
Spring Branch—M. W. Naylor, H. T. Jackson, T. J. Warren.
Trinity—Jas. M Johnson.
Union Grove—J. O. Tew, D. W. Williams.
White Oak—R. N. Butler, R. M. Crumpler, John Butler.
Maple Grove—Jas. Denning, H. C. West.
Ministers—J. W. Bell, H. J. Duncan, H. S. Spivey.

The letter from Long Branch asking for next session, was laid on the table.

The letters from Trinity, Oliver's Grove and Maple Grove, asking for aid, were referred to Executive Board.

Proceeded to the election of officers. J. A. Beaman and D. W. Williams were appointed tellers to conduct the election of Moderator. W. J. Hornrine and J. C. Robinson were appointed to conduct the election of Clerk. Blackman Williams and D. J. Davis were appointed to conduct the election of Treasurer. Result: Elder A. B. Alderman re-elected Moderator; Isham Royal elected Clerk; Robert Highsmith re-elected Treasurer.

An invitation having been extended to corresponding delegates and visitors, Elders J. R. Oliver and Wm. Bland, and Brethren Giles Clute, J. W. Lane, and E. F. Royal, announced themselves as delegates from the Eastern Association.

The following order of business was adopted:

1st. Reading letters and enrolling delegates.
2d. Election of officers.
3d. Invitation to corresponding delegates and visitors.
4th. Call for petitionary letters.
5th. Appointment of committees.
6th. Selection of place for next session.
7th. Report of Executive Board.
8th. Reports of committees.
9th. Report of Treasurer.
10th Miscellaneous business.
11th. Adjournment.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Elder J. R. Oliver will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Petitionary letters called for.

A letter from the church at Maple Grove, asking for admittance was read. The church was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

The following committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions—J. R. Oliver, Wm. Bland.
Associational Missions—R. Newton, R. Honeycutt.
State Missions—D. W. Tew, W. Shipp.
To nominate Executive Board—J. Shipp, J. Butler, I. Royal.
Education—W. Bland, Isham Royal.
Sabbath Schools—Giles Clute, T. W. Britt.
Periodicals—J. W. Lane, G. W. Highsmith.
Correspondence—W. M. Page, J. Fisher, J. Denning.
Temperance—A. B. Alderman, W. M. Page.
Obituaries—H. J. Duncan, D. W. Tew, H. T. Jackson.
Auditing Committee—H. G. Britt, W. Royal, S. J. Guy.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder H. J. Duncan. Benediction by Elder J. W. Bell.

WEDNESDAY, October 19th, 1881.

The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator read Psalm xix. Prayer by Elder Wm. Bland. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Elder J. N. Stallings reported himself as delegate from the Eastern Association, and representative of Warsaw High School. Isham Royal announced himself as the representative of the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Proceeded to locate next session. The names of delegates were called, and they unanimously agreed to hold next session of the Association at Long Branch, Sampson county.

Elder H. J. Duncan was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon; Alternate, Bro. R. Honeycutt.

Elder Reuben Newton was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon, and Elder J. W. Bell, Alternate.

Elder Wm. Bland read the report on Education. After remarks by Elders William Bland, J. N. Stallings, I. Royal and the Moderator, the report was adopted. The sum of $8.67 was collected to aid in defraying the expenses of beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, and Wm. Bland pledged $5, and H. G. Britt $2 for the same object.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education beg leave to report:

Education is the grand requisition of the progress and enlightenment of the nineteenth century

The spirit of the age demands of the present generation the education of their children, of their business men of all callings and professions, and especially of the ministers of the gospel.

The many false but alluring systems of ethics and religion of the present day, force upon us the necessity of having an educated ministry to resist them successfully.

The example of the Apostles in continuing in the school of Christ for three years should become the great religious inspirer of all Baptists, to urge them to give their ministers a classical and theological education.

Wake Forest College is engaged in a similar work. Brethren, shall we do anything for the beneficiaries there?

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM BLAND,
ISHAM ROYAL,
Committee.

Elder J. L. Britt announced himself as a delegate from the Eastern Association.

The committee on Correspondence reported the following:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Delegates to State Convention—Elders A. B. Alderman, H. J. Duncan and Brother Isham Royal.

Cedar Creek Association—Elder R. Newton and Bro. J. B. Downing.

Little River Association—Elder S. C. Page, Bro. G. Godwin.

Eastern Association—Elders H. S. Spivey, J. W. Bell.

Cape Fear Association—Elder J. O. Tew, Bro. W. J. Hornrine.

Raleigh Association—Elder A. B. Alderman, Bro. Harry Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PAGE,
J. FISHER,
JAS. DENNING,
Committee.

Report of Executive Board was read.

Moved to adopt.

The report was made the special order for after dinner.

On motion, adjourned one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

One and a half o'clock re-assembled.

Moved that the missionary sermon be preached at 2 o'clock.

Considered the report of the Executive Board.

At 2 o'clock Association adjourned to hear missionary sermon, which, at the request of Elder Alderman, the appointee, was preached by Elder Stallings. Text, John 12 : 34.

Collection $6.51.

Association resumed business.

The report of the Executive Board being the regular order, remarks were made by Isham Royal, Elders Newton, Stallings and Bland and W. J. Hornrine and the Moderator.

The following pledges were made: W. J. Hornrine $6.00, William Bland $2.50, H. G. Britt $2.50, Giles Clute $2.00, S. J. Guy $2.50, Robert Highsmith $1.00, M. H. Sessoms $2.00, J. N. Stallings $4 00, John Butler $1.00.

The report was laid on the table until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board recommended the following, which was adopted; S. S. Guy, W.

Royal, H. G. Britt, W. J. Hornrine, G. Godwin, J. A. Beaman and Robert Highsmith.

Elder J. R. Oliver read the report on Foreign Missions.

Remarks were made by Elders Newton and Stallings.

The report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No department of Christian labor is more important than this, yet it does not receive the attention it deserves. When we pray thy kingdom come, do we consider the darkness under which many people live, the great efforts needed to enlighten them, and our duty to aid in spreading the gospel we profess to love? If the gospel be the means of man's elevation should we not endeavor to make it known, and give our fellow men that knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation? The success of our labors in foreign lands is so encouraging as to make us press forward in this glorious work. We have cheering reports from our brethren who are laboring in China and other parts of Asia, also from Africa. While in different parts of Europe, where the blighting influence of Romanism has been felt for ages, the pure religion of Christ is beginning to reach some people, giving us reason to hope for great results hereafter. The heralds of the Cross are now permitted to proclaim Christ crucified in some heathen lands where there was once no such opportunity; so while the way is open let us enter those regions and possess them for our Master. It especially becomes the Baptists to engage in this work, since we profess not only to hold up Christ crucified, but to maintain his ordinances as given us. Brethren, men and money are both needed for the prosecution of such labors. Let us remember the important questions asked: How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach unless they be sent? Men must be divinely sent, but they need our contributions for their support, while they are proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ. We recommend that pastors of churches in this Association present the claims of Foreign Missions, and have collections for this object in the ensuing year.

Repectfully submitted,
J. R. OLIVER,
WM. BLAND,
Committee.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer and benediction by Elder Stallings.

THURSDAY, October 20th, 1881.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read 5th chapter, II Corinthians.

Prayer by Elder J. L. Britt.

Roll called.

Minutes read and corrected.

Resumed the consideration of the report of Executive Board.

Remarks by Elder Newton.

$5.87 was collected for Associational Missions.

The following report was adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We herewith present our annual report. At the beginning of the year we considered it advisable to employ a general missionary, and therefore employed Elder Reuben Newton to labor one-half of his time. He visited Maple Grove and Trinity, each one Sabbath in every month, and Saturday before; also Oliver's Grove and Sessoms' Mill a part of the time; and all the churches except two, once. He has been assisted by Elders J. O. Tew, Wm. Bland and others. He held a meeting of several days at Maple Grove and Trinity, and was assisted by Elders A. B. Alderman, J. O. Tew, W. M Page and Brother J. A. Danson. Baptized one at Trinity and seven at Maple Grove. He held a meeting of five days at Oliver's Grove, assisted by Elder J. O. Tew. Brethren, we think that all of these points are very important, and the efforts made there will pay back fourfold in due time. Brethren, come to our help and let us keep good seed sown at these places. The report of our Treasurer will show the amount received and expended during the year. Respectfully submitted,

S. J. GUY, Chm'n.

Invitation renewed to visitors.

Elder J. L. Stewart reported himself as a delegate from the Eastern Association.

Brother G. W. Highsmith read the report on Periodicals. Remarks by J. N. Stallings and J. W. Lane. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It has been the aim of your committee to select and recommend, for the consideration of this body, such reading matter as shall best present and defend the distinctive features of the Baptist churches, as shall speak to our people most faithfully the words of eternal life, and as shall bring most effectually sunshine and gladness to our homes. In our opinion the *Biblical Recorder* is best calculated to meet the demands and needs of the Baptists of North Carolina. Knowledge is making rapid strides in our State; the weekly and daily newspapers are instructing the people; cheap and hurtful literature abounds and finds many readers, easily attracted by its tinsel. The cry comes up from every section of our country for something to read. What shall the people read? Shall they feed their minds, and form their opinions from the wild and reckless creeds, contained in many of the periodicals they may chance to find around them? God forbid. But let us by every means in our power impress the Baptists of this Association, with the importance of encouraging and sustaining the *Biblical Recorder* as the most faithful exponent of their principles, and the tireless guardian of their homes. By reading the *Biblical Recorder*, weare brought into sympathy with all the objects of the Convention, and thus become more useful and active christians. It is also a bond of union between the brethren of the State, bringing them into nearer and dearer relations with one another. The *Foreign Mission Journal* is published at a small price, and is designed to give full and regular information in reference to the progress of the gospel in heathen lands. *Kind Words* is devoted to the interests of Sunday schools of the South. It should find a place in all our Sabbath schools.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. HIGHSMITH,
J. W. LANE,
Committee.

The following report of the Treasurer of Executive Board read and adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD, IN ACCOUNT.

Dr.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Cr	
To amounts rec'd.			Paid out by order of Ex. Board.	
Balance on hand, ...	$16 07	$......	Elder R Newton..................	$143 50
Baptist Chapel,......	8 42	......	" R. Honeycutt,..........	2 50
Brown's M. H.,......	4 11	84	" J O. Tew, ...	16 00
Concord, ...	1 80	......	" Wm. Bland,...............	2 50
Ebenezer,...............	3 35	......	" A. B. Alderman,........	2 50
Lilly's Grove,.........	6 08	1 17	" J. A. Dawson,...........	2 50
Long Branch,.........	3 95	......	Expended in Tracts,..........	3 00
Macedonia, ...	1 03	......	Paid to Treasurer of Association for Foreign Missions,	4 91
Magnolia, ...	2 29	2 90		
Mt. Elam,...............	4 10	......	Balance on hand,..............	4 91
Oliver's Grove,.......	22	......		
Piny Green,...........	2 20	......		
Pleasant Union,.....	1 02	.....		
Salem, ...	4 58	......		
Spring Branch.......	5 72	......		
Union Grove,.........	2 60	......		
White Oak,...........	4 25	......		
Collected at various meetings,	23 76	......		
Treas. of Associat'n.	54 41	......		
Reported by Eld. Newton,	2 45	......		
Pledges redeemed:				
J. A Beaman,........	5 00	......		
W. J. Hornrine......	5 00	......		
Isham Royal,.........	3 00	......		
O. D Strickland,...	2 00	......		
G. Godwin,............	2 00	......		
Eld. R. Newton,....	3 00	......		
H. G. Britt, former Treasurer,	5 00	4 911		
		177 41		
		$182 32		$182 32

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. BEAMAN, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.
W. ROYAL, S. J. GUY, H. G. BRITT, Aud. Com.

The Treasurer of the Association read his report, which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To amount received of former Treasurer	$ 38 34
" " " Finance Committee last term, minute fund,	32 50
Associational Missions	24 07
Foreign "	16 27
State "	75
November 17, 1880. To Associational Missions, per contribution,	6 56
" 18. " " " " "	3 00
" 18, " To Foreign Missions, " "	5 40
" 19, " To Foreign Missions, per Treas'r Ex-Board,	4 91
	$131 80

CR.

By cash, T. B. S. C. S. M.	$ 75
" " " F. M.	21 67
" " Clerk M. F	32 50
" " Treasurer Ex-Board	54 41
Balance on hand	$22 47

Respectfully submitted, R. HIGHSMITH, Treas.

We, the auditing committee, find the foregoing report correct.

W. ROYAL,
S. J. GUY,
H. G. BRITT,
Committee.

Elder O. M. Matthews is present as a visitor from Eastern Association. Elder Reubin Newton read a general report of his work as missionary during the year. Elder Newton presented the claims of the churches at Trinity and Oliver's Grove. Report on State Missions read and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We beg leave to submit the following: There are two classes of people in the world, which have existed ever since the days of Cain and Abel, one arrayed against the other, but God in his goodness fixed a plan for the conversion of the wicked. Jesus left an example by going from place to place and preaching, and commanding his disciples to preach, and to send his gospel to all creatures. Here we have our duty clearly set forth—both ministers and laymen—to serve him with body and spirit, with prayers and money, to forward the time when his will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Let us double our diligence and enlarge our contributions, and we will receive that blessed welcome, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted, W. J. SHIPP,
D. W. TEW,
Committee.

Bro. R. Honeycutt read report on Associational Missions. Adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee ask leave to submit the following: While our hearts are filled with gratitude unto God, for the success of missionary work in our Association, we feel that there is yet much room and great necessity to work for the salvation of man, for many are yet standing upon the brink of destruction. It is more blessed to give than to receive, yea, God loveth the cheerful giver. Let us pray God to purge us and bless our labors to the honor and glory of his holy name.

Respectfully submitted,
R. HONEYCUTT,
R. NEWTON.
Committee.

Bro. T. W. Britt read the report on Sabbath Schools. After remarks by Brother Giles Clute, the report was adopted.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The great object of the Sabbath schools is to learn what our Heavenly Father has taught us in the Bible, and in order to accomplish this, we would recommend that all the members of all the churches of this Association meet together every Sabbath for the study of the Holy Scriptures, and that the brethren and sisters will consider it their duty to get all the children in their community in which they live to go to the Sabbath school, and instruct them in the knowledge of the Word of God, and the pastors of the churches use their influence both in pulpit and in private to secure this end. Respectfully submitted,

GILES CLUTE,
T. W. BRITT,
Committee.

Adjourned to meet at one o'clock.

Re-assembled. Committee of Finance submitted the following report.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Baptist Chapel	$ 3 00	$ 3 44	....	Piny Green	$ 1 50	....	....
Brown's	2 00	2 00	....	Pleasant Union	1 32	$ 6 00	....
Concord	2 30	1 20	....	Salem	2 50	5 55	2 00
Ebenezer	1 00	75	$ 90	Spring Branch	1 79	2 20	20
Hickory Grove	50	2 00	....	Union Grove	75	1 25	1 35
Lilley's Grove	1 50	2 10	....	White Oak	2 50	2 66	....
Long Branch	3 00	....	....	Rowan	1 50	....	....
Macedonia	2 50	1 10	....	Trinity	75	3 00	....
Magnolia	1 20	2 50	....	Maple Grove	50	2 10	....
Mt. Elam	1 25	1 00	....				
Oliver's Grove	50	4 50	1 00		$31 86	$43 35	$5 45

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. DUNCAN,
J. O. TEW,
Committee of Finance.

Committee of Finance ordered to pay over to Treasurer all funds in their hands.

W. A. Guy reported himself as a visitor from the Cedar Creek Association.

Elder H. J. Duncan read report on Obituaries.

The report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Death's cold and mysterious hand has been felt, and in its icy grasp has removed many from earth since our last Association. Though this dreadful calamity has been realized by many, we feel to rejoice and desire to express our gratitude to God that death has not taken from us any of our ministers, and but few of our lay members. So far as has come under our observation, we only have to record the death of Brother Matthew Powell, of Rowan, and Brother Tew, of Union Grove. Bro. Powell was a consistent member, and deacon of the church for twenty-seven years. Respectfully submitted,

H. J. DUNCAN,
D. W. TEW,
Committee.

The clerk was allowed $10 for his services, and ordered to spend the balance of minute fund in publishing and distributing the minutes.

The report on Temperance not being ready, Rev. A. B. Alderman was directed to prepare a report and hand the same to the clerk.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Let us see some of the Scripture teachings on Temperance. "And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ, And as he reasoned of righteousness, *temperance* and judgment to come, Felix trembled." There are three points in the faith in Christ, viz: righteousness, *temperance* and judgment God's servant Paul brought all these to the consideration of Felix, which made him tremble. Then they must have considered *temperance* a very important subject. Acts 24:24, 25. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, *temperance*; aganst such there is no law." *Temperance* is one of the fruits of the Spirit, against which there is no law. Gal. 5:22, 23. Read all the chapter. Also 1st Peter, 1:6, &c "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible." 1st Cor. 9:25.

Temperance leads to the highest honors, blessings and greatest good, and is required by God.

Intemperance and drunkenness ruin our business, our honor, our peace, our hopes, our wishes, our children's and our happiness here and hereafter. See Gal. 5: 18, 19, 20, 21. "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Oh, how awful! O Lord, incline every heart to consider these things. O save us from the drunkard's disgrace, shame, misery, grave and hell.

A. B. ALDERMAN.

Brother James Shipp made a verbal report of the work done by the Sunday School Board during the year, which was accepted.

James Shipp, J. N. Cooper, D. W. Williams, R. F. Strickland and M. O. Jackson were appointed a Sunday School Board.

A committee of lady workers handed in $10.85, collected for Associational Missions.

Elder Stallings preached at the stand.

J. A. Beaman offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this community for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors to this session.

On motion, adjourned to the time and place of next meeting.

Appropriate remarks were made by Elders R. Newton, J. R. Oliver, J. L. Britt and Moderator Alderman.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Oliver.

Benediction by Moderator.

A. B. ALDERMAN, *Moderator*.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Clerk*.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Baptist Chapel,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	S. B. Page,	Hawley's St're
Brown's,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	W. J. Shipp,	Clinton.
Concord,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	J. B. Downing,	Buckhorn.
Ebenezer,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	R. Highsmith,	Warrensville.
Hickory Grove,	H. J. Duncan,	Clinton,	J. A. Beaman,	Beaman's X R.
Lilly's Grove,	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store,	W. R. Haywood	Fayetteville.
Long Branch,	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store,	E. V. Cooper,	Dismal.
Macedonia,	R. Fisher,	Blocker's,	B. S. Horn,	Buckhorn.
Magnolia,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	J. H. Averett,	Blocker's.
Maple Grove,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	H. C. West,	Blackman's M
Mt. Elam,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	O. M. Jackson,	Hawley's St're
Oliver's Grove,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	H. Johnson,	Beasley Hill.
Piney Green,	J. O. Tew,	Huntley,		
Pleasant Union	J. B. Downing,	White Oak,	J. Fisher,	Owensville.
Rowan,	J. W. Bell,	Clinton,	J. J. Malpass,	Clinton.
Salem,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	J. C. Howard,	Huntley.
Spring Branch,			G. Godwin,	Giles' Mills.
Trinity,	R. Newton,	Fayetteville,	H. Johnson,	Peacock's X R
Union Grove,	J. O. Tew,	Huntley,	W. Williams,	Dismal.
White Oak,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	R. N. Butler,	Clinton.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Males.	No. Females.		Total.	TIME OF MEETING.
Baptist Chapel...	...	1	...	4	3	2	71	93	5	169	2d Sab. and day before.
Brown's	...	...	...	2	10	1	37	68	..	105	4th " "
Concord,..	...	1	1	...	8	3	43	91	..	134	1st " "
Ebenezer,..........	...	...	...	1	1	..	28	33	..	61	4th " "
Hickory Grove, ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	..	17	2d " "
Lilly's Grove,.....	...	6	...	...	1	...	24	27	..	51	1st " "
Long Branch,.....	...	...	...	1	1	...	38	49	..	87	3d " "
Macedonia, ...	6	...	...	1	1	1	26	32	..	58	2d " "
Magnolia, ...	7	2	1	...	...	1	25	48	..	73	4th " "
Maple Grove......	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	12	..	18	2d " "
Mt. Elam,..........	...	..	...	...	1	1	24	42	..	66	3d " "
Oliver's Grove,...	...	...	. .	2	. .	...	3	3	..	6	
Piny Green,......	...	1	1	7	7	1	30	93	..	123	4th " "
Pleasant Union..	1	...	...	2	...	...	49	88	..	137	4th " "
Rowan, ...	8	1	...	6	3	4	40	70	..	110	2d " "
Salem, ...	...	...	...	3	...	1	66	107	..	173	3d " "
Spring Branch. ..	...	...	...	3	1	3	63	120	..	183	1st " "
Trinity,............	1	...	...	...	...	. .	3	4	..	7	3d " "
Union Grove,....	...	3	...	...	...	1	15	15	..	30	1st " "
White Oak,.......	...	2	1	1	...	1	43	84	4	131	2d " "
	23	17	4	32	37	20	641	1089	9	1739	

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Total.	Volumes in Library.
Baptist Chapel,...............	M. O. Jackson,...............	5	90	95	......
Ebenezer,.	R. Highsmith,................ .	4	33	37	......
Mt. Elam............................	T. N. Jackson,.................	6	58	64	......
Oliver's Grove,.	J. Alderman,.....................	......	.....	......	......
Pleasant Union,..............	F. H. Howard, ...	5	60	65	......
Rowan, ...	A. M. Gonican,................	6	40	46	......
Salem, ...	S. A. Howard,.................	5	60	65	100
Spring Branch,...............	G. Godwin,......................	6	54	60	......
		37	395	432	

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session. an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

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Officers of the Association.

Elder A. B. Alderman, *Moderator*, Hawley's Store, N. C.
John B. Downing, *Clerk*, Buckhorn, Cumberland Co., N. C.
Rob't Highsmith, *Treasurer*, Boykin's, Sampson Co., N. C.

Executive Board.

Isham Royal	Huntley, N. C.
J. A. Beaman	Beaman's X Roads, N. C.
Robert Highsmith	Boykin's, N. C.
W. J. Hornrine	Fayetteville, N. C.
James L. Autry	Dismal, N. C.
Whitney Royal	Hawley's Store, N. C.
James E. Britt	Clinton, N. C.

Ordained Ministers.

H. S. Spivey	Clinton, N. C.
A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store, N. C.
W. M. Page	Hawley's Store, N. C.
J. T. Townsend	Fayetteville, N. C.
J. O. Tew	Huntley, N. C.
Beuben Fisher	Blocker's, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Clinton, N. C.
S. C. Page	Clinton, N. C.
D. W. Tew	Clinton, N. C.
J. W. Bell	Clinton, N. C.
D. A. Buie	Fayetteville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

LONG BRANCH, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,
Tuesday, October 17th, 1882.

The South River Association met in its sixth annual session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached, as per appointment, by Elder J. H. Duncan from Mark 16: 15–16.

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder A. B. Alderman, who read the 12th chapter of Romans, after which the congregation sang the hymn, "How sweet how heavenly is the sight." Elder J. T. Townsend led in prayer.

The Moderator made a few appropriate remarks, referring to the blessings of the past year and our obligations.

The list of churches was then called and the following enrolled as messengers:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

CONCORD--D. J. Davis, Duncan Bedsole and John B. Downing.
LILLY'S GROVE—S. J. Guy and Elder J. T. Townsend.
MACEDONIA—Simsey Hall, D. Carter and Allen Hales.
MAGNOLIA—*J. H. Averitt, W. J. Hornrine and Hardy Jones.

SAMSON COUNTY.

BAPTIST CHAPEL—Joseph Wrench, Elder A. B. Alderman and W. B. Maloy.
BROWN'S—Elder H. J. Duncan, J. H. McCullen, and *John W. Britt.
HICKORY GROVE—*W. R. Warren, *Sampson Weeks and J. A. Beaman.
EBENEZER—J. J. Highsmith, J. F. Carroll and R. Highsmith.
LONG BRANCH—Blackman Williams, J. Horn and L. D. Hall.
MT. ELAM—T. N. Jackson, William Strickland and R. Honeycutt.
MAPLE GROVE—*James Denning, *H. C. West and R. S. Westbrook.
PLEASANT UNION—F. H. Howard, Jordan Sessoms and John Fisher.
PINY GREEN—R. Draughon, *I. Royal, Jr., and *Amma Royal.
ROWAN—Thomas Gotier, H. Hare and *W. N. Chestnutt.
SALEM—A. J. Cooper, Chester Holland and S. A. Howard.
SPRING BRANCH—T. J. Warren, J. A. Dawson and W. J. Pope.
UNION GROVE—Thos. Williams, D. W. Williams and Elder J. Q. Tew.
WHITE OAK—J. R. Butler, J. H. Faircloth and Henry Spell.
HERMON—T. W. Britt, Giles Clu e and J. E. Britt.
MILL CREEK—*Eli Cooper, M. M. Sessoms and Daniel Horne.

JOHNSTON COUNTY.

OLIVER'S GROVE—H. Johnson.
TRINITY—Harry Johnson and J. M. Johnson.

Members marked thus * were absent.

The following ordained ministers reported and were enrolled: W. M. Page, J. T. Townsend, Reuben Newton, H. S. Spivey, and Reuben Fisher.

On motion, Henry Johnson and Blackman Williams were appointed a Finance Committee.

A letter from Piny Green church was laid on the table.

The letters from Maple Grove and Oliver's Grove were referred to the Executive Board.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: Moderator, Elder A. B. Alderman. Isham Royal having declined re-election, John B. Downing was elected Clerk and Robert Highsmith re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, the officers of this church, with Bro. S. J. Guy, were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:

1st. Reading letters and enrolling messengers.
2d. Election of officers.
3d. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4th. Call for petitionary letters.
5th. Appointment of committees.
6th. Selection of place for next session.
7th. Report of Executive Board.
8th. Reports of committees.
9th. Report of Treasurer.
10th. Miscellaneous business.
11th. Adjournment.

An invitation was given to visiting and corresponding brethren, when Bro. L. W. Byrd, from the Little River, and William Bland, from the Eastern Association, reported and were welcomed. Bro. Giles Clute announced himself as agent for the Bible Publication Society. Bro. Isham Royal announced himself as agent for the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced preaching to-morrow at 11 a. m. by Elder William Bland.

Petitionary letters were next called for, when the church at Mill creek (newly constituted) presented her letter asking admittance in this body.

On motion, it was received and the following enrolled as messengers: Eli Cosper, M. M. Sessoms and Daniel Horne, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

The church at Hermon (newly constituted) presented her letter asking admittance in this body.

On motion, it was received and the following enrolled as messengers: T. W. Britt, Giles Clute and J. E. Britt, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

On motion, the following committees, to report at this session, were appointed:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elders Wm. Bland and I. Royal.
STATE MISSIONS—Elder H. J. Duncan and Bro. D. T. Averitt.
TO NOMINATE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD—A. J. Cooper and Jas. L. Autry.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock a. m. to-morrow. Bro. Giles Clute led in prayer. Benediction by Elder H. J. Duncan.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 18th, 1882.

The Association met as per adjournment.

The Moderator read 3rd chapter Collossians, sang hymn 593, "I love the sons of grace" and W. J. Hornrine led in prayer.

Called list of messengers; read and approved minutes of yesterday; renewed invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren.

On motion, the following committees were appointed to report at this session:

ON EDUCATION—Elders Wm. Bland and I. Royal.
ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Bro. Giles Clute and Elder H. S. Spivey
ON PERIODICALS—D. T. Averitt and J. A. Dawson.
ON TEMPERANCE—Elders J. O. Tew and Thos. Britt.
ON OBITUARIES—Elders R. Newton and J. L. Autry.
AUDITING COMMITTEE—A. J. Cooper and Whitney Royal.

Called for and read letters from churches not represented yesterday.

On motion, the matter of locating the next session was laid over to this afternoon.

Report of Executive Board was next called for, when Bro. Whitney Royal read the following:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We present to you our annual report.

We employed Elder R. Newton to preach at Maple Grove and Trinity once in each month and Elder J. O. Tew at Oliver's Grove four trips.

Brother J. A. Dawson volunteered his services to preach six days and we assigned him at Oliver's Grove and he has preached at that place five days making six sermons. Brethren, we appeal to you for help to carry on this great work. We think these points are very important and we cannot carry on this work without your help; we ask an interest in your prayers that this work may be continued. The report of our Treasurer will show the amount received and expended.

Respectfully submitted, S. J. GUY,
Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report, the Association was addressed by Bro. W. J. Hornrine, Elder Wm. Bland, Bro. Giles Clute, Elder R. Newton, L. W. Byrd and others, after which the brethren and friends came forward and laid $16.25 on the table for Associational Missions.

Preaching at the stand by Elder Wm. Bland.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren when Bro. Wm. I. Lane from the Eastern Association reported and was welcomed.

On motion, took a recess to 1 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business. Renewed invitation to visiting brethren, when Elder J. N. Stallings, from the Eastern Association, reported and was welcomed.

Committee on Correspondence reported as follows, which was, on motion adopted:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Baptist State Convention—Elders A. B. Alderman, H. S. Spivey and I. Royal.

Eastern Association—Elder H. J. Duncan and Bro. Giles Clute.

Cedar Creek Association—D. T. Averett and J. B. Downing.

Little River Association—Elders J. T. Townsend, W. Royal and W. Maloy.

Resolved, That any member of this Association attending any of the bodies with which we correspond be considered a delegate.

COMMITTEE.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. N. Stallings.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

When we consider that out of every one hundred souls in the world only twenty-six belong to states of Christendom, we can have some idea of the responsibilities resting upon us as Christians and the amount of work required of us. That it is our duty and privilege to assist in sending the Word to the heathen, is clearly taught in God's Word both by precept and example, is manifest to all believers. As to the results of the work accomplished in foreign fields we have great cause to feel grateful to God. Thousands have been converted in India, China, Japan, Italy, Africa, and many other places, and it has been stated that according to the funds expended and the efforts made, more have been converted in the foreign than in the home field. The cry is continually coming up, send us more ministers. Shall we fold our arms quietly and sit by while over 900,000,000 of people are beyond the pale of Christianity? Shall we not rather say that this is our work? Let us go up and possess the land and relieve these heathen from the bondage of idol worship.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Bros. Giles Clute, I. Royal, Elders Wm. Bland and H. J. Duncan, when the brethren and friends came forward and laid $4.65 on the table for Foreign Missions.

On motion, agreed to consider the report on Education at 3 oclock this p. m.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, *1st*, That each church be requested to appoint a brother to see each member of his church and try to secure a contribution for missions.

Resolved, *2nd*, That the pastors of the churches are requested to look after this matter.

On motion, agreed to hold the next session of this body with the church at Spring Branch, Sampson county, commencing on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1883, Elder J. O. Tew to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder W. M. Page to preach the Missionary sermon in the afternoon on Wednesday.

Finance Committee next reported.

On motion, adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See page 15).

On motion, ordered that they turn the money in their hands over to the Treasurer of the Association and that the Treasurer pay out the money to the objects for which it was contributed.

Committee to nominate Executive Board reported as follows:

Recommend brethren Isham Royal, J. A. Beaman, Robert Highsmith, W. J. Hornrine, Jas. L. Autry, Whitney Royal and H. G. Britt.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The special order for this hour being the consideration of the report on Education, it was next called and read by Elder William Bland as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Joyfully we turn our minds to the all important work of our Baptist State Convention's Board of Education. We sincerely congratulate them and our Baptist brotherhood on their increased zeal and energy in educating young ministers at Wake Forest College. We feel that every Baptist on the globe ought to be educated. Most strongly and earnestly do we feel that the educating of young ministers is the Christ-appointed and legitimate work of individuals, churches, associations and of our Baptist State Convention and most cordially do we respond to the earnest appeal of Bro. C. E. Taylor for funds to aid in educating the twenty-seven young ministers now receiving their education at Wake Forest College as beneficiaries.

WILLIAM BLAND,
ISHAM ROYAL,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders Wm. Bland and J. N. Stallings on the subject of Education, when the following brethren pledged the amounts annexed to their names, to be paid by the 1st of June, 1883: Elder William Bland, $5; Elder J. Townsend, $2.50; Bro. W. J. Hornrine, $5; Bro. Isham Royal, $5; Elder H. J. Duncan, $1; Bro. D. H. Jackson, $1. The following brethren paid the sums annexed to their names: W. J. Pope, $1; A. J. Cooper, 50 cents; Giles Clute, 50 cents.

On motion, the further consideration of the report was postponed until to-morrow morning.

Elder J. N. Stallings pledged $4 for Asssociational Missions.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Elder J. N. Stallings led in prayer. Sang the L. M. Doxology. Benediction by Elder W. M. Page.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THUSRDAY, October 19, 1882.

The Association met as per adjournment. Bro. J. A. Dawson read 16th chapter of Luke. Sang hymn "Come we that love the Lord." Elder J. O. Tew led in prayer.

Called list of messengers and noted absentees.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

On motion, the name of Bro. Jas. E. Britt was put on the Executive Board in the place of Bro. H. G. Britt.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren, when Bro. W. H. Melvin, from the Cedar Creek Association reported and was welcomed.

The first business in order being the further consideration of the report on Education it was taken up, when the Association was addressed by Elders Wm. Bland, H. S. Spivey and Bro. Isham Royall and the following pledges were made: Whitney Royal, $5; Robert Highsmith, $2; B. Williams, $1; Joel Horne, $1; Elder W. M. Page, $1; W. J. Butler, $1; J. L. Autry, $5; W. J. Watson, $1; W. B. Malloy, $1; S. A. Howard, $2; Annie Carroll, 50 cents; H. D. Howard, $5. The following paid the amounts opposite their names: J. R. Butler, 25 cents; F. F. Newton, $1; N. J. Bell, 25 cents; Robert A. Draughon, 50 cents; John R. Fisher, 50 cents; Emma Clute, 25 cents; J. J. Highsmith, $1; Wm. J. Lane, $1; D. W. Williams, 50 cents; J. A. Dawson, $1; A. J. Butler, 25 cents; Thos. Bullock, 50 cents; Love Faircloth, 25 cents; Guilford Horn, 25 cents; making in pledges, $44 and in cash $9.50; total, $53.50.

On motion, the report was then adopted.

The Missionary Sermon was preached at the stand by Elder R. Newton, at the close of which a collection for Associational Missions was taken up amounting to $7.09.

Report on Periodicals was next read.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

In our opinion the *Biblical Recorder* is well calculated to meet the demands and supply the needs of the Baptists of North Carolina. The reading people must have something to read. What shall it be? Something good or something pernicious? We recommend the *Biblical Recorder* as a religious paper containing good moral and religious reading. We recommend our members to take their own paper and read it first; and others, if they choose, that are sound in the faith.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. AVERITT,
J. A. DAWSON,
Committee.

After the reading of the report the claims of the *Biblical Recorder* were presented by Bro. D. T. Averitt, Elder H. S. Spivey, I. Royal, acting agent, Giles Clute and others.

On motion, adopted.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board was next read.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Dr.	Home Missions.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Cr.	
To amounts received.				Paid out by order of S. J. Guy,	
Concord	$ 4 61	$..	$ 77	chairman of Executive Board.	
Magnolia	3 63			To Elder R. Newton	$137 50
Lilly's Grove	4 00			" " J. O. Tew	34 25
Macedonia	1 05			" R. Highsmith for Education, &c	9 37
Salem	9 07		75		
Pleasant Union	2 25				
Spring Branch	7 00				
Piney Green	85				
Ebenezer	3 70				
White Oak	5 36				
Baptist Chapel	11 28		2 87		
Union Grove	3 25				
Mt. Elam	2 65				
Brown's	3 70				
Long Branch	1 00				
Oliver's Grove	70				
Maple Grove	1 25				
Herman	2 00				
Rowan	65				
Collected at various times	28 12				
Col'ct'd at Brown's last year	5 82				
Collected by lady workers	12 35				
Collected by Elder Bland	2 50	5			
On hand at close of last year	4 91				
Paid in by R. Highsmith, Tr. of As'n	35 30				
By pledges.					
W. J. Hornrine	6 00				
John Butler	1 00				
R. Highsmith	1 00				
Mrs. H. J. Duncan	50				
Willie Duncan	25				
Giles Clute	2 00				
Elder J. N. Stallings	4 00				
Total	$ 171 75	$5	$4 39		$181 14

The above is a statement of my last year's report as Treasurer.

J. A. BEAMAN.

Audited and found correct.

W. ROYAL,
A. J. COOPER, } Committee.

On motion, speeches were limited to five minutes.

On motion, adopted.

Bro. Giles Clute read the report on Sunday School.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to learn that so many of the churches have Sunday Schools and that every church will use its best exertions to get every one, old and young, in the community into the Sunday School that they may learn the Word of the Lord; and that every church will come together every Sabbath in the year to teach and learn the Scriptures.

COMMITTEE.

Remarks were made by Harry Johnson, J. A. Dawson, Elder H. S. Spivey, Giles Clute and T. W. Britt.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The brethren and friends came forward and laid $3.13 on the table to buy Testaments to send to the Sunday Schools at the churches at Oliver's Grove and Trinity.

On motion, the matter of Sunday School Colportage was referred to the Executive Board

The Treasurer's report was next read.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To balance on hand		$ 22 47
" am't rec'd of Fin'ce Com. last term for Minute Fund		31 86
" " " " " " " " " Associ'n'l Missions		43 55
" " " " " " " " " Foreign Missions		5 45
" " per contributions last term for Minis'erial Education		8 65
" " " " " . " " Associational Missions		6 51
" " received of Treas. Ex. Board for Education		5 00
" " " " " " " " Foreign Missions		4 39
" " " " Spring Branch church for Foreign Missions		1 40
Total		$129 08

Cr.

By cash paid Treas. B. S. Con. for Foreign Missions	$10 36	
" " " " " " " Ministerial Educaion	8 65	
" " " Clerk for Minute Fund	31 86	
" " " Treasurer Executive Board	35 30	
Total	$86 17	86 17
Balance on hand		$ 42 91

Respectfully submitted,

R. HIGHSMITH,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

W. ROYAL,
A. J. COOPER,
Auditing Committee.

On motion, adopted.

Report on Temperance was called for and Bro. T. W. Britt read the report..

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance report that intemperance is a growing evil, and Paul tells us to abstain from even the appearance of evil. And your committee recommend that every church member search the scriptures and find out what their duty is in that respect and especially the denunciations pronounced against the drunkard. No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven says the scriptures. Your committee further recommend that every true Christian send up a fervent prayer to Almighty God to banish intemperance from our land.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. BRITT,
J. O. TEW,

Pending the adoption of the report the Association was addressed by Bro. Giles Clute.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries next reported.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Death is abroad in the land. Since our last meeting many have answered to the roll call and we hope that that call was made in heaven. Our brother and friend, Daniel Cathet, who was a member of Long Branch church and a Deacon, answered that call on ——— day ——— 1882. He told us that he was going to leave this lonely country and was going to a brighter one, where things were carried on better. He made provision for his household here on earth and then invited them to meet him in heaven where they could have a better time. He even looked after his own burial, then repeated the hymn, "This is the way I long have sought, And mourned because I found it not," then bade a final farewell to those on earth and joined the army which has answered the roll call in heaven.

A pure Christian man and husband is gone, but we cannot weep as those who have no hope.

The following have also answered to that roll call in heaven:

At Rowan—Sisters Sarah Duncan and Eliza Chestnut. Brown's—Sister B. Lewis. Piney Green—Sisters Matilda J. Warren and Mary F. Odom. Union Grove—Brother Huey Tew. Concord—Sisters Margaret Hall, Susan Hall, Rachael Bullock and Bro. Huey Hall.

J. L. AUTRY,
R. NEWTON,
Committee.

On motion, adopted.

On motion, a Committee consisting of D. R. Autry, Jordan Sessoms and I. Royal was appointed on Obituaries to report at next session.

Report on State Missions was next read.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We feel that Missions are a great part and the most important part of our Associational work. And while Associational Missions is our special work we should not forget that the State Mission Board is doing a noble work and occupying many points that the Associations in the State cannot reach. The general work of the Board is guided by pious and consecrated men. John E. Ray is the Corresponding Secretary and he is continually calling on the brethren of the various Associations to aid in this noble cause. Let us not turn a deaf ear, but aid in every good work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. DUNCAN,
D. T. AVERITT,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report Elder H. J. Duncan addressed the Association on the subject of State Missions, when the brethren and friends came forward and laid $2 on the table for this object. Report adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all newly organized churches, asking for admittance in this body, be requested either to give their articles of faith or present a certificate from the Presbytery that constituted the church.

Elder H. J. Duncan presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to this church and community for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the messengers and visitors.

On motion, agreed to read and enforce the 11th article of the rules of order at the next session.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk have $10 for his services and spend the balance of the money in printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk have the minutes printed at the BIBLICAL RECORDER office.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Closing exercises conducted by Elder H. S. Spivey. Closing hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul," during the singing of which the brethren took an affectionate leave of each other. At the close of the hymn Bro. Giles Clute lead in prayer.

Benediction by Elder H. S. Spivey.

ELDER A. B. ALDERMAN, *Moderato.r*

JOHN B. DOWNING, *Clerk.*

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.
Cumberland Co.				
Concord	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	D. J. Davis	Robin Hill.
Lilly's Grove	A. B. Alderman,	Hawley's Store	W. R. Haywood	Fayetteville.
Macedonia	Reuben Fisher	Blocker's	B. S. Horne	Buckhorn.
Magnolia	Reuben Newton	Fayetteville	J. H. Averitt	Blocker's.
Sampson Co.				
Baptist Chapel	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	S. B. Page	Hawley'sSt're
Brown's	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	W. J. Shipp	Clinton.
Hickory Grove	....	....	J. A. Beaman	Beaman's X R
Hermon	J. L. Britt	Warsaw	T. W. Britt	Clinton.
Ebenezer	H. S. Spivey	Clinton	R. Highsmith	Boykin's.
Long Branch	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	....	....
Maple Grove	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	H. C. West	Blackman'sM
Mill Creek	....		....	....
Mt. Elam	Reuben Fisher	Blocker's	O. M. Jackson	Hawley'sSt're
Pleasant Union	J. O. Tew	Huntley	F. H. Howard	Not given.
Piny Green	J. O. Tew	Huntly	D. W. Tew	Clinton.
Rowan	J. W. Bell	Clinton	John J. Molpass	Clinton.
Salem	H. S. Spivey	Clinton	J. C. Howard	Huntly.
Spring Branch	Wm. Bland	Hawley's Store	G. Godwin	Giles' Mills.
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	Wiley Williams	Dismal.
White Oak	J. L. Britt	Warsaw	R. N. Butler	Clinton.
Johnston Co.				
Oliver's Grove	Supl'd by Board	....	H. Johnson	Beasley Hill.
Trinity	" " "	....	Harry Johnson	....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.	Colored Males.	Col'd Females.	Total Colored.	TIME OF MEETING.
Cumberland Co.													
Concord	14	...	6	2	9	4	45	95	140	...	...	...	1st Sab. and day before.
Lilly's Grove	...	1	...	...	2	...	22	26	48	...	...	...	1st " " "
Macedonia	...	1	...	1	4	1	23	31	54	...	...	...	4th " " "
Magnolia	...	...	...	2	...	1	23	45	68	...	...	...	4th " " "
Sampson Co.													
Baptist Chapel	3	2	1	4	...	...	69	97	166	...	...	5	2d " " "
*Brown's	...	1	1	12	1	1	......	......	......	...	...	...	4th " " "
Hickory Grove	...	...	...	1	2	...	5	7	12	...	...	...	
Ebenezer	1	1	...	3	...	2	26	31	57	...	...	...	4th " " "
Long Branch	...	2	...	4	...	1	35	46	81	...	...	2	3d " " "
Mt. Elam	...	4	...	...	1	...	25	42	67	...	...	..	3d " " "
Maple Grove	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	12	18	...	...	...	
Pleasant Union	2	...	...	10	12	1	44	82	126	...	...	...	4th " " "
Piny Green	3	...	2	...	8	...	22	82	104	6	6	13	3d " " "
Rowan	...	...	...	...	...	2	37	85	122	..	..	...	2d " " "
Salem	8	1	...	...	2	...	68	112	180	...	...	...	3d " " "
Spring Branch	10	...	...	2	...	3	64	112	176	...	...	...	1st " " "
Union Grove	1	1	...	1	...	1	......	......	31	...	...	...	1st " " "
White Oak	...	1	...	4	7	2	33	81	114	...	...	...	4th " " "
Mill Creek	...	...	...	...	...	..	......	......	......	...	...	...	
Hermon	12	...	...	...	...	...	10	14	24	...	...	...	2d " " "
Johnston Co.													
Oliver's Grove	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	3	5	...	...	...	4th " " "
Trinity	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7	...	...	...	
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*The number of membership not given in the church letter.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Total.	Volumes in Library.
Concord	George W. Jolly	......	......	......	......
Lilly's Grove	......	......	......	....	......
Macedonia	......	......	......	......	......
Magnolia	......	......	......	......	......
Baptist Chapel	W. C. Jackson	5	80	85	......
Brown's	Jos. Shipp	......	......	......	......
Hickory Grove	......	......	......	......	......
Ebenezer	R. Highsmith	4	35	39	......
Long Branch	......	......	......	......	......
Mt. Elam	T. N. Jackson	......	55	55	......
Maple Grove	......	......	......	......	......
Pleasant Union	......	......	......	......	......
Piny Green	......	......	......	......	......
Rowan	......	......	......	......	......
Salem	S. A. Howard	6	100	106	200
Spring Branch	......	......	......	......	......
Union Grove	......	......	......	......	......
White Oak	Amma Crumpler	3	30	33	......
Mill Creek	......	......	......	......	......
Hermon	Giles Clute	5	52	57	......
Oliver's Grove	......	......	......	......	......
Trinity	......	......	......	......	......
		23	352	375	200

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Baptist Chapel	$2 50	$2 25	$......	White Oak	$2 00	$4 25	$ 50
Brown's	1 10	4 50	....	Maple Grove	1 55	....	....
Hickory Grove	50	....	....	Concord	2 35	1 50	25
Ebenezer	1 00	1 25	20	Lilley's Grove	1 00	....	....
Long Branch	3 00	4 00	....	Macedonia	2 00	....	....
Mt. Elam	1 75	1 05	....	Magnolia	1 10	1 40	75
Piny Green	1 00	81	....	Oliver's Grove	50	2 00	....
Pleasant Union	1 00	....	85	Trinity	50	2 50	....
Rowan	1 00	....	1 00	Mill Creek	1 00	....	1 20
Salem	2 75	6 00	4 10	Hermon	1 00	3 21	1 63
Spring Branch	2 00	3 00	2 85				
Union Grove	75	2 85	2 90		$31 35	$39 52	$16 23

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W. G. Simmons, Professor of Natural Science.
L. R. Mills, Professor of Mathematics.
C. E. Taylor, Professor of Latin.
W. L. Poteat, Assistant Professor of Natural Science.
E. G. Beckwith, Tutor.

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October 23d, 24th and 25th, 1883.

RALEIGH, N. C.:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., STEAM PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Isham Royall, *Moderator*......Huntley, Sampson Co., N. C.
J. B. Downing, *Clerk*......Buckhorn, Cumberland Co., N. C.
K. Vann, *Treasurer*................Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Isham Royal....... ....Huntley, Sampson Co., N. C.
Robert Highsmith ....Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C.
J. B. Downing...............Buckhorn, Cumberland Co., N. C.
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Whitney Royal.........Hawley's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.
R. A. Draughan.........Hawley's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.

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Reuben Fisher...............Blockers, Cumberland Co., N. C.
Reuben Newton........ Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N. C.
J. T. Townsend...........Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N. C.
D. A. Buie. ....Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N. C.
A. B. Alderman..........Hawley's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.
Wiley M. Page........ ..Hawley's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.
S. C. Page............. ....Rhodes, Cumberland Co., N. C.
J. O. Tew. ....Huntley, Sampson Co., N. C.
D. W. Tew............Beaman's X Roads, Sampson Co., N. C.
W. A. Melvin.............Harrell's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.
H. J. Duncan.......................Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C.
J. W. Bell...........................Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C.
Levi Bryan................. .Cypress Creek, Bladen Co., N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SPRING BRANCH, SAMPSON CO., N. C., Oct. 23d, 1883.

The South River Association met in its seventh annual session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached, as per appointment, by Elder J. O. Tew; text, 2d Samuel, 3: 33, 34, "And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth? Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters; as a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him."

After an intermission of three quarters of an hour the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder A. B. Alderman, who read the 8th chapter of Romans. Sung hymn 1148, "Blest be the tie that binds." Elder C. S. Cashwell led in prayer.

The list of churches was then called, church letters read, and messengers enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

CONCORD—John B. Downing, John H. Faircloth, *D. J. Davis.
LILLY'S GROVE—E. S. Herring, S. J. Guy, Thomas Lewis.
MACEDONIA—Elder Reuben Fisher, *D. T. Averitt, John R. Hall.
MAGNOLIA—J. B. Bryant, A. Overton, W. H. Fisher.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

BAPTIST CHAPEL—Robert A. Draughan, J. R. Brown, W. B. Maloy.
BROWN'S—Elder H. J. Duncan, Julian Lewis, *R. W. Bass.
HERMON—*J. E. Britt, Giles Clute, *T. W. Britt.
HICKORY GROVE—N. R. Warren, *S. Weeks, J. A. Beaman.
EBENEZER—K. Vann, Robert Highsmith, John J. Highsmith.
LONG BRANCH—H. I. Hall, J. W. Autry, *Amos N. Hull.
MAPLE GROVE—J. Denning, *W. G. Blackman, R. S. Wesbrooks.
MILL CREEK—*J. H. Stickland, *U. Sessoms, M. M. Sessoms.
MT. ELAM—T. N. Jackson, Wm. Strickland, O. M. Jackson.
PINY GREEN—Elder D. W. Tew, *J. R. Canady, *Amma Royall.
PLEASANT UNION—J. H. Mitchell, *Alexander Hall, H. Lucas.
ROWAN—*Stephen Boo'n, B. F. Byrd, *W. N. Chestnutt.
SALEM—Isham Royall, S. A. Howard, *R. W. Howard.
SPRING BRANCH—W. H. Pope, John Hawley, Sr., W. D. Hawley.
UNION GROVE—Thomas Williams, D. W. Williams, Elder J. O. Tew.
WHITE OAK—J. Butler, R. McKinzie, John A. Tew.

JOHNSTON COUNTY.

OLIVER'S GROVE—Haywood Johnson.
TRINITY—J. M. Johnson.

Members marked thus * were absent.

Ordained ministers present: Elders A. B. Alderman, W. M. Page, J. O. Tew, D. W. Tew, S. C. Page, Reuben Fisher, W. A. Melvin and H. J. Duncan.

On motion, Bro. R. A. Draughan was appointed Assistant Clerk, and Brethren K. Vann and Giles Clute Finance committee.

On motion, the letters from the churches at Magnolia, Rowan, Union Grove and White Oak were laid on the table for the present, (they having petitioned for the next session of the Association), also the letter from Piny Green, (having a query), and the letter from Maple Grove, asking assistance from the Board, was placed in the hands of the Executive Board.

The term of office of the present officers having expired the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year and appointed tellers as follows: For Moderator, Revs. J. A. Dawson and I. T. Newton; for Clerk, J. H. Mitchell and S. J. Guy; for Treasurer, J. B. Bryant and N. A. Layton.

Isham Royal was elected Moderator (Elder A. B. Alderman declining a re-election), John B. Downing re-elected Clerk, and Kadar Vann Treasurer.

The Moderator elect (Isham Royal) was conducted to the chair by the acting Moderator, Elder A. B. Elderman, who made some appropriate remarks on taking the chair.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:

1st. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2d. Election of officers.
3d. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4th. Call for petitionary letters.
5th. Appointment of committees.
6th. Selection of place for next meeting.
7th. Reports of committees.
8th. Report of Treasurer.
9th. Miscellaneous business.
10th. Adjournment.

Invitation was given to corresponding messengers and visitors, when Elder E. J. Edwards and Bro. Joel C. Layton announced themselves as corresponding messengers, and Elder C. S. Cashwell and Rev. I. T. Newton as visitors from the Cedar Creek Association, and were welcomed by the Moderator. Elder J. N. Stallings announced himself as corresponding messenger, and Elder William Bland as a visitor from the Eastern Association, and were welcomed by the Moderator. Elder C. S. Cashwell announced himself as agent for the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and Elder Wm. Bland agent for the Board of Education.

Petitionary letters were called for, when the church at Canaan, Sampson county, presented her letter, asking for admittance.

On motion, the church was received and Bryant Elmore enrolled as messenger, and the right hand of fellowship given by the Moderator.

The church at Antioch, Cumberland county, presented her dismissal letter from the Cedar Creek Association and her church letter asking admittance.

On motion, it was received and the following enrolled as messengers: Angus Bain, Elder S. C. Page and Jesse Starling, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

The church at Lebanon, Sampson county, (newly constituted) presented her church letter asking admittance.

On motion, it was received and the following enrolled as messengers: Elder W. A. Melvin and Thos. Cook, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

On motion, Elder A. B. Alderman, with the pastor and officers of this church, were appointed a committee on religious exercise.

On motion, the following committees were appointed to report at this session:

Foreign Missions—Elders W. M. Page, Wm. Bland and Bro. J. H. Mitchell.

State Missions—Elders C. S. Cashwell, E. J. Edwards and Bro. R. A. Draugan.

To Nominate an Executive Board—Elder J. O. Tew and Brethren D. W. Williams and D. H. Jackson.

Education—Elders J. N. Stallings, S. C. Page and Bro. R. Highsmith.

Sabbath Schools—Brethren Giles Clute, S. J. Guy and John Butler.

Periodicals—Elder C. S. Cashwell and Brethren W. Royall and Jas. Johnson.

Temperance—Elders A. B. Alderman, W. A. Melvin and Bro. Kadar Vann.

The Secretary, J. B. Downing, was granted leave of absence until to-morrow evening.

A special committee, consisting of Brethren Giles Clute, Isaac Strickland and K. Vann was appointed on Article III of the Constitution.

The committee on Religious Exercises announced Elder E. J. Edwards to preach at 10½ o'clock A. M., Elder J. N. Stallings at 1½ P. M. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer, Elder J. N. Stallings leading.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 24th, 1883.

The Association met as per adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder C. S. Cashwell.

Roll called.

Invitation given to visiting brethren.

J. J. Highsmith and J. A. Dawson were appointed auditing committee.

Elder D. W. Tew and Bro. S. J. Guy were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention.

To nominate corresponding messengers, J. A. Beaman and Elder R. Fisher.

Elder D. W. Tew and Bro. E. S. Herring were appointed a committee to fill the vacancy in the committee on Obituaries.

On motion, the consideration of locating the next session of this body was postponed until to-morrow.

The Executive Board offered the following report. Remarks were made by Moderator Royall, Elders D. W. Tew, W. M. Page, A. B. Alderman and J. N. Stallings, when the report was adopted. A collection was taken up for Associational Missions amounting to $7.52.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Executive Board beg leave to submit the following abstract of their work for the year:

We have been giving aid to the churches at Maple Grove, Trinity, Oliver's Grove and Hickory Grove.

Rev. A. B. Alderman reports 9 visits to the church at Maple Grove, 15 visits to families, with the members of which he held religious conversations, 14 sermons preached, 165 miles travelled.

Rev. W. M. Page has made 8 visits to the church at Trinity, and preached regularly one Saturday and Sunday in each month.

Rev. Wm. Bland has made 9 visits to the church at Oliver's Grove, and preached 14 sermons, besides a successful meeting of several days, in which he was aided by Rev. W. M. Page.

Rev. D. W. Tew has made several visits to Hickory Grove, and also held an interesting meeting of several days, in which he was assisted by brethren J. O. Tew and R. Honeycutt.

All these brethren report large and attentive congregations, with the interest in the Redeemer's cause increasing, and the prospect of eventually building up self-sustaining churches at these places. They also report several conversions and baptisms.

Brethren, we are only your servants to do the work committed to us, and we trust that every member of this Association will feel that he has an interest in this great and important work of sending the gospel to those who are sending up their appeals, "Come over and help us."

The Association having referred the subject of Sunday Schools to the Executive Board, at a meeting held at Baptist Chapel in the month of April, brother Giles Clute was appointed Sunday School Superintendent. From reports made to us, his work has been a decided success. He addressed the Sunday Schools at Pugh's School House, Rowan, Oliver's Grove, Spring Branch, Mt. Elam, Baptist Chapel, Maple Grove and Piny Green; and also organized a Sunday School Convention, in which were discussed the various subjects connected with Sunday Schools.

We recommend the appointment of a Sunday School Board, who shall take charge of this subject. We feel grateful that the churches have, by their contributions, sustained the work of missions within our bounds during the year.

The accompanying report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board will show the amount of funds received and disbursed. [See p. 12.]

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL, *Chairman.*

Elder J. N. Stallings read the report on Education, when the Association was addressed on the subject of Education by Elder J. N. Stallings.

On motion, the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Success in the highest possible degree should be the object, as it certainly is the duty, of every one. No one can succeed in any avocation without the application of power. That power exists in the physical, intellectual, moral and religious nature of man. These must be developed and trained in order to the proper application of these powers. "Knowledge is power," is an old adage. We must know *what* to do and *how* to perform it. A giant, if inactive, accomplishes nothing ; if his strength is developed and improperly directed, destruction is the result—it must not only be used, but properly applied to achieve success.

Every child has in it the powers of a giant. All its faculties must be developed and properly trained to insure real success in life. The intellect must be cultivated so as to fully equip for the station to be occupied and the avocation to be pursued. With this development the moral and religious training must keep pace, and the physical powers must also receive attention.

We must see from the above that we need schools, and those schools properly conducted with reference to religious and moral culture as well as intellectual.

We rejoice that we have many such schools, which are eminently worthy of the patronage of our people. We point with thankfulness to God to our College at Wake Forest as pre-eminently worthy of that patronage. Especially is this so, as it gives to our young ministers an education free of cost. Its moral and religious advantages are very superior, and its standard of scholarship equal to any. Every Baptist able to give his son a collegiate education, ought to give it his patronage. Every one should aid in the support of the young ministers, both with their means and prayers. Every Baptist, as he has ability, ought to aid in its endowment.

We commend also all our schools under Baptist control to the patronage of our people. We appeal to them to educate all their children, as best they can, especially the young ministers and the girls. Respectfully,

J. N. STALLINGS,
S. C. PAGE,
ROBT. HONEYCUTT,
Committee.

Elder C. S. Cashwell read a report on Periodicals, when remarks were made by Elders Cashwell, Stallings and W. M. Page, and Bros. D. W. Williams, E. S. Herring, K. Vann, and others, when, on motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Believing that the circulation of religious literature to be a means of accomplishing good, we take pleasure in recommending the BIBLICAL RECORDER, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, as an able expounder of the truths of the Bible, and an advocate of all the objects which tend to advance the Redeemer's kingdom. We request every family to subscribe for it. We also recommend *Kind Words* and the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Brother Giles Clute then read a report on Sabbath Schools as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are pleased to report that all the churches in this Association have Sunday Schools but one, and would recommend that the brethren make their houses comfortable and keep them open all the winter; that father and mother go and take their children with them every Sabbath, and teach the children the need of salvation, and pray for our Heavenly Father's blessing on them that their souls may be saved.

GILES CLUTE,
S. J. GUY,
J. BUTLER,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by brethren Giles Clute and E. S. Herring.

The Association gave way for the preaching of the Missionary Sermon. (The Secretary was absent, and the assistant failed to note the text or the amount of contributions. —CLERK.)

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator at 2:30 p. m.

The congregation contributed $6.25 for Associational Missions.

Elder C. S. Cashwell read a report on State Missions as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The greater portion of our work is to raise means whereby we may send men to preach the Gospel to those walking in nature's darkness. Let us give the Gospel to the starving hundreds in our midst. We recommend that the pastors lay the claims of our State Board before their respective churches at an early day, and solicit aid for the Board, so that it may the more effectually carry on the work in the destitute portions of our State.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

On motion, adopted.

Brother S. J. Guy, from the committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention, made the following report:

To Baptist State Convention—Elders A. B. Alderman and W. M. Page, and brethren Giles Clute and I. Royal.

On motion, adopted.

Brother W. Royal, Elder J. O. Tew and R. Highsmith were appointed a committee to nominate a Sunday School Board.

Elder Wm. Bland read a report on Foreign Missions as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report the following:

We feel that we are a body of missionaries, deriving our obligations and power from the law-commission words of our dear Redeemer: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth: Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, immersing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." We believe that men called of God to preach his gospel should be educated in every language under heaven for this most exalted of all purposes; for how shall they hear without a preacher? says Paul.

We heartily approve of the action of the Bourd of the Southern Baptist Convention in sending missionaries to Mexico, Brazil, Italy, China, Africa, &c.

From the Annual Report of the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we learn that 124 heathen souls were converted last year through its agency, and that the total number of living heathen converts in the fields of their labors was 933.

We cannot but believe that these 933 converted heathen souls will become a great and irresistible element in the grand gospel-leavening power that shall finally leaven the whole mass of all the nations with the pure word of God, and bring about the long-expected and glorious millennium of our dear Redeemer.

We sincerely desire that our money and our prayers may be instrumental, in God's hands, in converting and saving many precious and never-dying heathen souls.

We earnestly advise every member of the churches of our Association to take and read the *Foreign Mission Journal*, a paper published at Richmond, Va., at fifty cents per year, by the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BLAND,
W. M. PAGE,
J. H. MITCHELL,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Elders Wm. Bland, A. B. Alderman, S. C. Page, C. S. Cashwell, and Bros. Giles Clute and J. H. Mitchell, when $4.85 was laid on the table for Foreign Missions.

On motion, report adopted.

Prayer is offered for our missionaries and missionary work.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren, when Elder O. M. Matthews, from the Eastern Association, reported as a visitor and was welcomed.

Committee to nominate an Executive Board made the following report: Isham Royal, Robert Highsmith, J. B. Downing, J. A. Beaman, H. L. Hall, Whitney Royal and R. A. Draughan.

On motion, adopted.

Special committee on 3rd Article of the Constitution made the following report, which was not adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

Article 3rd of Constitution: This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and ordained ministers having the care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

Adopted as amended. (See p. 16.)

Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elder C. S. Cashwell would preach at 10:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Elder S. C. Page led in prayer. Sang the L. M. doxology. Benediction by Elder H. J. Duncan.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 25th, 1883.

The Association met as per adjournment.

The Moderator read the 5th Psalm. Sang hymn 686, "Lord, when we bow before thy throne."

Elder H. J. Duncan led in prayer.

Called list of messengers, and noted absentees.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Renewed invitation to visitors and corresponding messengers.

On motion, took the letters from the churches at Magnolia, Rowan, Union Grove and White Oak from the table, and proceeded to locate the next session of this body.

On motion, the roll of messengers was called, which resulted in the selection of White Oak, Sampson county, N. C.

On motion, Elder J. N. Stallings was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Elder A. B. Alderman the Introductory Sermon.

Preaching at the stand by Elder C. S. Cashwell.

Bro. Giles Clute read the report of the Finance Committee.

On motion, adopted. (See report.)

Bro. J. A. Dawson presented the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Associational Missions.
Concord	$ 2 00	$	$	$
Magnolia	3 25	1 25		
Spring Branch	13 78	1 51	15	3 66
Salem	10 00		50	
Union Grove	6 35		50	
White Oak	3 95			
Mill Creek	2 75			
Hermon	9 20			
Baptist Chapel	12 33			
Ebenezer	4 55			
Mt. Elam	3 95			
Lilly's Grove	2 45	75		
Long Branch	2 53			
Maple Grove	2 00			
Piny Green	3 74			
Brown's	4 00			
Pleasant Union	5 46			
Hickory Grove	3 00			
Rowan	1 55			
James Denning	1 00			
Contributions at various meetings	37 80			
Borrowed of Treasurer	5 00			
Reported by Elder W. M. Page	5 00			
Pledged by Elder J. N. Stallings	4 00			
Total	$146 64	$3 51	$1 05	$ 3 66

Paid out by order of I. Royal, Ch'mn of the Ex. Board, to

Eld. A. B. Alderman	$30 00
Eld. W. M. Page	58 00
Eld. Wm. Bland	45 00
Eld. D. W. Tew	15 00
For Education to Eld. Wm. Bland	55
Total	$148 55

Balance on hand $6 31

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAMAN,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

J. A. DAWSON,
J. J. HIGHSMITH,
Auditing Committee.

On motion, adopted.

Elder D. W. Tew read a report on Obituaries.

OBITUARIES.

Death cometh, in his proper time, to all—the great and the small, the high and the low, the saint and the sinner, and when he comes there is no escaping: we must answer to his summons.

We are made sad that brother Hardy G. Britt, a member of the church at Hermon, has answered the stern summons of death, *Come.* In the death of brother Britt this Association has lost one of its most active, benevolent and useful members—one who was ever ready to do whatever he conceived to be his duty. Some of the most striking features of his christian character were that, as a husband, father and neighbor, he was one of the kindest, noblest and best, and most highly esteemed ; as a host, he was remarkably free-hearted and entertaining ; and as a worker for Jesus, he was full of that charity that seeks to spread the Redeemer's kingdom in all the world, and was sometimes the foremost of all in his Association, in some of its grand and leading movements to honor our beloved Master. A pure man, a good citizen, and exemplary christian, has gone.

Bro. William Strickland, a member of the church at Spring Branch, has also been called to his eternal home. In his death the church has lost one of its oldest and most prominent members, and one who unflinchingly performed all his duty as a christian.

Many others, of whose lives and character your committee have not been informed, have passed from this world to their eternal home, among whom are brother Solomon Sessoms, aged 91, of Salem; Bro. John Britt, of Hermon, a young man in the prime of life; Sisters Nancy McRae and Maultcy Honeycutt, of Piny Green; also Sister Laura Jackson and brother Sion Williford, of Spring Branch church; and also Sister Rebecca Bennett of Canaan church, a noble christian woman, the founder of that church.

On motion, adopted.

Bro. R. Highsmith, Treasurer of the Association, read the following report, which was adopted :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Oct., 1882.	To balance on hand,	$ 42 91
" "	To amount received during session of 1882 :	
	Associational Missions, collection in the house,..	16 25
	" " " at the stand,..	7 09
	" " from Com. of Finance,..	39 52
	Foreign Missions, collection in the house,.......	4 65
	" " Committee of Finance,......	16 23
	State Missions,..........	2 00
	Ministerial Education,..........	9 50
	Minute Fund,..........	31 35
	Total,..........	$169 50

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By amount paid Treasurer Bap. State Convention,	$ 43 17	
Clerk of Association Minute Fund,....	31 35	
Treasurer of Ex. Board,..........	5 00	$ 79 52
Balance on hand for Associational Missions,		$ 89 98

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. HIGHSMITH, *Treasurer.*

Bro. Giles Clute, from the committee on Temperance, read the following report:

TEACHING OF THE BIBLE ON TEMPERANCE.

INTEMPERANCE A PREVALENT EVIL.

Isa. 28: 7. But they have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

Isa. 56: 12. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink.

INTOXICATING DRINK TO DECEIVE AND INJURE.

Prov. 20: 1. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Prov. 23: 21. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty. 29. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babblings? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30. They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 34. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth on the top of a mast. 35. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick: they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

Hosea 4: 11. Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

FORBIDDEN.

Deut. 21: 20. And they shall say unto the elders of his city, this our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. 21. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die; so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Prov. 23: 20. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh. 31. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Isaiah 5: 11. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them. 22. Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink.

Romans 13: 13. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

1 Cor. 6: 10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal. 5: 19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

AVOIDING DRINK.

1 Cor. 5: 11. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covet-

ous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1 Thes. 5: 22. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1 Cor. 6: 19, 20. What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Hab. 2: 15. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders A. B. Alderman, S. C. Page, W. M. Page, H. J. Duncan, J. N. Stallings and O. M. Matthews, and Bro. Kadar Vann.

Committee on Religious Exercises announced Elder R. Fisher to preach at 1:30 o'clock this p. m.

On motion, took a recess to 1 p. m.

Benediction by Elder C. S. Cashwell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association called to order. The Moderator in the chair.

On motion, S. J. Guy, K. Vann, John Butler, R. McKenzie and B. F. Byrd were excused for the term.

Ebenezer church assumes $1.50 for State Missions.

On motion of Elder H. J. Duncan, the vote on the adoption of the report on State Missions was reconsidered.

After some remarks, the report was adopted.

Preaching at the stand by Elder R. Fisher.

The committee to nominate Corresponding Messengers read the following report:

To Eastern Association—Elder J. O. Tew and Bro. G. Clute.

To Cedar Creek Association—Elder R. Fisher and Bros. J. B. Downing and D. Williford.

Little River Association—Elder A. B. Alderman and Bro. Isham Royal.

On motion, adopted.

Committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board reported, recommending brethren Giles Clute, D. W. Williams, S. A. Howard, W. J. Honrine and M. W. Naylor.

On motion, adopted.

Elder J. N. Stallings submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the pastors and churches which have not already raised the amounts necessary to meet the request that this body raise $35 for the State Board, be requested to take immediate action, and send the amounts contributed to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention.

The following pledged the amounts annexed to their names, to be paid before the first of May, 1884 :

To Ministerial Education—Elder J. N. Stallings, $2 ; Elder H. J. Duncan, $1 ; Rev. J. A. Dawson, $1 ; Elder S. C. Page, $1 ; Elder J. O. Tew, $1 ; Elder W. M. Page, $1 ; Giles Clute, $2; J. J. Highsmith, $1 ; D. H. Jackson, $1 ; W. H. Pope, 50c.; Elder Wm. Bland, $5 ; W. J. Pope, $1 ; J. H. Mitchell, $1—making in pledges, $18 50.

The following persons paid the amounts annexed to their names for the same object : R. A. Draughan, $1 ; J. O. Howard, $1 ; a friend, 50 cents, making in cash $2.50. Total in cash and pledges, $21.

Elder D. W. Tew offered the following resolution which was unanimously anopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the messengers and visitors during this session.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Constitution was reconsidered and the third article amended so as to allow ordained ministers holding membership in this Association all the privileges of the Association except that of voting. [See report on page 10.]

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk have $10 for his services and that he expend the balance of the money in printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

The closing exercises were conducted by Elder W. M. Page. Sang hymn 1152, "Come christian brethren, ere we part." During the singing of the hymn the brethren affectionately took leave of each other. Thus closed a harmonious and interesting session. May God permit us all to meet again at our next session. Benediction announced by Elder J. O. Tew.

ISHAM ROYAL, MODERATOR.

JOHN B. DOWNING, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter, certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of the minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have the power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and to disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Order.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.
3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.
7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.
9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.
14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.
Cumberland Co.				
Concord	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	D. J. Davis	Robin Hill.
Lilly's Grove	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	W B. Haywood	Fayetteville.
Macedonia	Reuben Fisher	Blocker's	B. S. Horne	Buckhorn
Magnolia	Not given		W J. Honrine	Fayetteville.
Antioch	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	I. Strickland	Kyle's Land'g.
Sampson Co.				
Baptist Chapel	Not given	Hawley's Store	S. B. Page	Hawley's St're
Brown's	J. N. Stallings	Clinton	W J. Shipp	Clinton.
Hermon	J. L. Britt	Warsaw	T. W. Britt	Clinton.
Hickory Grove	D. W. Tew	Beaman's X R	J. A. Beaman	Beaman's X R
Ebenezer	H. S. Spivey	Beaman's X R	R. Highsmith	Clinton.
Long Branch	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	E. V. Cooper	Dismal.
Maple Grove	J. O. Tew	Huntley	H. C. West	Blackman's M
Mill Creek	Levi Bryan	Cypress Creek	Uriah Sessoms	Owensville.
Mt. Elam	R. Fisher	Blocker's	O. M. Jackson	Hawley's St're
Piny Green	J. O. Tew	Huntley	D W. Tew	Beaman's X R
Pleasant Union			F. H. Howard	Robin Hill.
Rowan	J. O. Tew	Huntley	I. F. Duncan	Clinton.
Salem	J. N. Stallings	Clinton	J. C. Howard	Huntley.
Spring Branch	Wm. Bland	Hawley's Store	N. A. Layton	Giles' Mills.
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	W. Williams	Dismal.
White Oak	J. N. Stallings	Clinton	R. N. Butler	Not given.
Johnston Co.				
Oliver's Grove	Sup. by Board		H. Johnson	Beasley Hill
Trinity	Sup. by Board		H. Johnson	Not given.
Newly received.				
Canaan	J. T. Albritton	Not given	R. T. Car	Not given.
Lebanon	J.W. Gurgainus	Not given	W. K. Rogers	Not given.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Expelled.	Died.	Number of Males	Number of Females.	Total.	Colored.	TIME OF MEETING.
Cumberland Co.											
Concord	6	2	3	...	2	3	49	95	144	...	1st Sabbath and day before.
Liliy's Grove	14	1	3	3	...	...	32	32	64	...	1st Sabbath and day before.
Macedonia	7	3	3	5	1	2	26	33	59	...	4th Sabbath and day before.
Magnolia	15	2	...	...	...	...	32	53	85	...	Not given in church letter.
Antioch	8	3	...	1	...	...	53	67	120	...	3d Sabbath and day before.
Sampson Co.											
Baptist Chapel	20	...	1	2	8	1	71	105	176	5	2nd Sabbath and day before.
Brown's	12	...	1	6	...	1	33	39	72	...	4th Sabbath and day before.
Hermon	......	5	...	...	...	3	10	16	26	...	2d Sabbath and day before.
Hickory Grove	3	...	1	1	1	...	6	9	15	...	2d Sabbath and day before.
Ebenezer	8	1	1	3	...	1	28	35	63	...	Not given in church letter.
Long Branch	2	1	2	...	1	1	35	52	87	...	Not given in church letter.
Maple Grove	1	...	...	...	...	1	6	12	18	...	Not given in church letter.
Mill Creek	......	1	...	...	...	1	11	17	28	...	3d Sabbath and day before.
Mt. Elam	......	...	...	...	...	...	28	45	73	..	3d Sabbath and day before.
Piny Green	18	1	7	1	1	2	31	95	126	12	Not given in church letter.
Pleasant Union	......	...	...	1	...	...	31	82	113	...	Not given in church letter.
Rowan	5	...	2	...	3	...	33	76	109	...	2d Sabbath and day before.
Salem	......	...	...	5	1	3	65	109	174	...	3d Sabbath and day before.
Spring Branch	9	5	1	...	2	3	62	119	181	...	1st Sabbath and day before.
Union Grove	1	1	...	...	1	...	16	14	30	...	1st Sabbath and day before.
White Oak	8	2	1	...	...	1	36	65	101	...	1st Sabbath and day before.
Johnston Co.											
Oliver's Grove	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	5	...	....
Trinity	.... .	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7	...	4th Sabbath and day before
Newly received.											
Canaan	......	...	...	...	...	...	......	......	......	...	....
Lebanon	......	...	...	...	...	...	49	35	84	...	3d Sabbath and day before.
Total	138	28	26	28	21	23	748	1212	1960	17	

A gain of 94 this year in baptisms over exclusions and deaths.—CLERK.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	No. of Teache's	No. of Pupils.	Total.	Vols. in Library.
Concord	J. B. Jackson				
Lilly's Grove					
Macedonia					
Magnolia					
Antioch	H. L. Hall	5	43	48	116
Baptist Chapel					
Brown's					
Hermon	Giles Clute	5	30	35	
Hickory Grove					
Ebenezer	Robert Highsmith	5			
Long Branch	D. R. Autry	4	31	35	
Maple Grove					
Mill Creek	W. S. Howard	6	50	56	
Mt. Elam	D. H. Jackson				
Piny Green	W. R. F. Edwards	6	111	117	
Pleasant Union					
Rowan					
Salem	S. A. Howard	6	90	96	200
Spring Branch	Jos. A. Dawson	5	80	85	
Union Grove					
White Oak	John Butler	4	20	24	
Oliver's Grove					
Trinity					
Canaan					
Lebanon					
		46	455	496	316

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associati'al Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Bap. State Convention	Southern Baptist Convention
Concord	$2 31	$ 3 54	$ 2 05	$	$	$
Lilly's Grove	1 50	2 75	2 75			
Macedonia	1 05	50				
Magnolia	1 20	75	80			
Baptist Chapel	2 50	1 25			2 10	
Brown's	1 00	2 00				
Hermon	1 00	1 15	3 15			
Hickory Grove	50	1 00				
Ebenezer	90	1 10	1 40			
Long Branch	2 00	2 00	2 00		1 15	
Maple Grove	30	1 25	36			
Mill Creek	75	30	1 20	50		
Mt. Elam	1 75	1 10				
Piny Green	1 00	53			1 32	
Pleasant Union	1 00	1 25	50	50		
Rowan	1 00	2 45				
Salem	2 00	4 00	3 00			
Spring Branch	2 70	53				3 84
Union Grove	75	2 50	1 75			90
White Oak	1 20	2 66				
Oliver's Grove	50	1 00	1 00			2 00
Trinity	50	2 50				
Canaan	50					
Antioch	80	6 82				
Lebanon	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		
Collected on Wednesday during Association,		13 77	4 85			
Total	$29 71	$58 90	$26 81	$ 2 00	$ 4 57	$ 6 74

KADAR VANN, } Committee.
GILES CLUTE, }

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Officers of the Association.

Isham Royal, *Moderator*	Huntley, Sampson Co., N. C.
John B. Downing, *Clerk*	Buckhorn, Cumberland Co., N. C.
R. Highsmith, *Treasurer*	Coharie, Sampson Co., N. C.

Executive Board.

Isham Royal, *Chairman*	Huntley, N. C.
Whitney Royal, *Secretary*	Hawley's Store, N. C.
Robert Highsmith, *Treasurer*	Coharie, N. C.
John B. Downing	Buckhorn, N. C.
H. L. Hall	Kyle's Landing, N. C.
Thomas W. Britt	Clinton, N. C.
Robert A. Draughon	Hawley's Store, N. C.

Ordained Ministers.

Reuben Fisher	Blocker's, N. C.
Reuben Newton	Fayetteville, N. C.
J. T. Townsend	Fayetteville, N. C.
D. A. Buie	Fayetteville, N. C.
A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store, N. C.
Wiley M. Page	Hawley's Store, N. C.
S. C. Page	Rhodes, N. C.
John O. Tew	Huntley, N. C.
D. W. Tew	Beaman's X Roads, N. C.
W. A. Melvin	Harrell's Store, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Clinton, N. C.
J. W. Bell	Clinton, N. C.
R. Hunycutt	Hawley's Store, N. C.
Levi Bryan	Cypress Creek, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

WHITE OAK, SAMPSON CO., N. C., Oct. 21st, 1884.

The South River Association met in its eighth annual session with the church at White Oak, Sampson county, N C. In the absence of the appointee (Elder A. B. Alderman), the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder William R. Johnson, from first Kings 20: 40: "And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone."

After an intermission of three-quarters of an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Isham Royal, who read the 103rd Psalm; sang hymn 1162, "How short and hasty is our life." Elder E. J. Edwards led in prayer.

Called the list of churches—a majority present.

On motion, Elder H. J. Duncan and Brother H. L. Hall were appointed a committee of Finance, and Brethren Whitney, Royal and R. A. Draughon, Reading Clerks.

Preaching at the stand by Elder D. S. Bullard.

On motion, called for and read church letters, and enrolled messengers as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

ANTIOCH—H. L. Hall, J. T. Naylor, John D. Bain.
CONCORD—John B. Downing, *W. B. Horne, *D. J. Davis.
LILLY'S GROVE—S. J. Guy, Uriah Underwood, E. S. Herring.
MACEDONIA—Represented by letter.
MAGNOLIA—J. B. Bryan, *A. Overton, W. J. Honrine.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

BAPTIST CHAPEL—Elder A. B. Alderman, R. A. Draughon, M. O. Jackson.
BROWN'S—Elder H. J. Duncan.
CANAAN—T. E. Howard, R. T. Carr, B. Elmore.
EBENEZER—Kadar Vann, J. E. Highsmith, J. F. Carroll.
HERMON—*Jas. MCCULLAN, T. W. Britt, P. Armstrong.
HICKORY GROVE—*W. R. Warren, *S. Weeks, *J. A. Beaman.
LEBANON—J. Melvin, J. H. Newton, J. B. Highsmith,
LONG BRANCH—W. T. Hall, *J. V. Autrey, H. I. Hall.
MAPLE GROVE—Not represented.
MILL CREEK—Elder Levi Bryan, E. Cooper, B. Tanner.
MT. ELAM—Elder R. Hunycutt, D. H. Jackson, R. C. Jackson.
PINY GREEN—Elder D. W. Tew, A. Royal, W. W. Draughon.
PLEASANT UNION—Barney Faircloth, Jordan Sessoms, A. Hall.

ROWAN—W. N. Chestnutt, Thos. Gotier, P. Oquinn.
SALEM—Isham Royal, A. J. Butler, J. B. Cooper.
SPRING BRANCH—*H. T. Jackson, Joseph Naylor, *O. D. Jackson.
UNION GROVE—D. W. Williams, C. Williams, J. T. Williams.
WHITE OAK—W. J. Faircloth, R. Royal, R. M. Crumpler.

JOHNSTON COUNTY.

OLIVER'S GROVE—Not represented.
TRINITY—James M. Johnson, *T. T. Lee.

Names marked thus * were absent.

On motion, the letters from Magnolia and Union Grove were laid on the table for the present, (they having petitions for the next session of this body), also the letters from Trinity and Hickory Grove, asking for aid, were referred to the Executive Board.

The terms of office of the present officers having expired, on motion, went into an election of officers for the ensuing year, and appointed tellers as follows: For Moderator, Elders D. W. Tew and S. J. Guy; for Clerk, W. J. Honrine and J. H. Newton; for Treasurer, T. E. Howard and A. J. Butler.

Result of election: Isham Royal re elected Moderator; John B. Downing re-elected Clerk, and Kadar Vann re-elected Treasurer.

Some appropriate remarks were made by Elder A. B. Alderman.

On motion, gave an invitation to visiting and corresponding Brethren, when Elders W. R Johnson, E. J. Edwards, D. S. Bullard and J. T. Newton, reported as Corresponding Messengers from the Cedar Creek Association, and were welcomed. Elder E J. Edwards announced as agent for the BIBLICAL RECORDER, and Brother O. Blackman, of the Eastern Association, were welcomed.

Petitionary letters called for; none presented.

On motion, the following committees were appointed to report at this session:

On Religious Exercises—The officers of this church, with brethren K. Vann and W. J. Honrine.

Foreign Missions—Elders H. J. Duncan and Levi Bryan and Brother U. Underwood.

State Missions—Elders D. S. Bullard, J. O. Tew and Brother D. W. Williams.

To Nominate an Executive Board—Elders A. B. Alderman, D. W. Tew and Brother J. E. Britt.

Education—Brethren O. Blackman, R. Highsmith and S. J. Guy.

Sabbath Schools—Elders W. M. Page, W. R. Johnson and Brother James M. Johnson.

Periodicals—Elder E. J. Edwards, R. Hunycutt and Brother H. I. Hall.

Temperance—Elder I. T. Newton and Brethren T. W. Britt and T. E. Howard.

Obituaries—Brethren H. L. Hall, J. B. Highsmith and R. M. Crumpler.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention—Elder W. A. Melvin, A. B. Alderman and Brother Bryant Elmore.

Auditing Committee—Brethren R. A. Draughon, A. J. Butler and J. F. Carroll.

The committee on Religious Exercises announced prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow, to be conducted by Elder E. J. Edwards.

In the absence of the appointee, (Elder J. N. Stallings), Elder W. M. Page was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

On motion adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow. Elder D. W. Tew led in prayer. Sung the L. M. doxology. Elder Levi Bryan pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 1884.

The Association met. Spent thirty minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder E. J. Edwards.

The Association called to order by the Moderator, who read the 28th Psalm. Prayer, Elder Levi Bryan leading.

Roll called.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Renewed an invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren. Then Elders W. M. Kennedy, J. D. Newton and Brother G. W. Highsmith reported as visitors from the Eastern Association, and were welcomed.

Elder W. M. Kennedy announced that he would represent the Warsaw High School and the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Called for and read letters from churches not represented yesterday.

Brother Whitney Royal then read the report of the Executive Board. Pending the adoption of the report, the Association was addressed by Elders J. O. Tew, A. B. Alderman and W. M. Page.

The hour for preaching the Missionary Sermon having arrived, the Association, on motion, adjourned for that purpose.

The Missionary Sermon was then preached by Elder W. M. Page from 1st Corinthians 3: 9—"We are workers together with God." At the conclusion of the sermon, a collection for Associational Missions was taken, amounting to $8.50.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

One o'clock p. m. resumed business.

On motion, Brethren Bryant Elmore and J. Highsmith were granted leave of absence for the term.

Renewed invitation to visitors, when Elders J. L. Britt and H. S. Spivey reported from the Eastern Association, and were welcomed.

The further consideration of the report of the Executive Board being the next business in order, when discussion was continued by Elders D. S. Bullard, W. M. Kennedy and H. S. Spivey.

At the conclusion of Elder Spivey's remarks, a collection was taken for Associational Missions, amounting to $1.51, and the following pledges: Lilly's Grove, $5.00; Brown's, $5.00; Ebenezer, $5.00; D. H. Jackson, $1.00; Elder D. W. Tew, $1.00; Jordan Sessoms, $1.00; Joseph Naylor, $1.00; Union Grove, $12.00; White Oak, $9.95; Antioch, $10.00; Lebanon, $5.00; Brother Giles Clute, $5.00—making in pledges, $60.95. Canaan church paid $5.00, making in the whole $67.46. Report adopted.

Preaching at the stand by Elder W. M. Kennedy.

The report of the Sabbath School Board was next read by Brother D. W. Williams of the report. Remarks were made by Brother D. W. Williams, followed by Elders J. L. Britt and A. E. Alderman. On motion, adopted.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Brethren K. Vann, S. J. Guy and Jordan Sessoms, was appointed to nominate a Sabbath School Board.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board reported, recommending Brethren Isham Royal, Robert Highsmith, John B. Downing, T. W. Britt, H. L. Hall, Whitney Royal and R. A. Draughon. On motion, adopted.

Brother T. W. Britt read a report on Temperance. Remarks were made by Elder A. B. Alderman, Elder D. W.

Tew and Brethren K. Vann and Giles Clute on the subject of Temperance. On motion, adopted.

On motion, Elder R. Hunycutt and D. W. Tew were granted leave of absence for the term.

Pending the adoption of the report, the claims of the BIBLICAL RECORDER and *Foreign Mission Journal* were ably presented by Elders Levi Bryan, W. B. Johnson, W. M. Kennedy and Brethren D. W. Williams and Kadar Vann.

The committee on Religious Exercises announced that Elders E. J. Edwards and W. M. Kennedy would ordain R. N. Butler as Deacon of this church at 9½ a. m., to-morrow, and that Elder J. L. Britt would preach at 11 a. m.

On motion, adjourned to 10 a. m., to-morrow.

Elder W. M. Kennedy led in prayer.

Sang the L. M. doxology.

Elder H. J. Duncan announced the benediction.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 23d, 1884.

The Association met as per adjournment.

The Moderator read the 145th Psalm.

Sang hymn, "My soul be on thy guard."

Prayer, Elder W. M. Page leading.

Called roll of messengers and noted absentees.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

On motion, agreed that the ordination of the Deacon take place at the Stand at the close of the 11 o'clock sermon; Elders E. J. Edwards and J. L. Britt to act as presbytery.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was adopted.

Elder Levi Bryan read the report on Foreign Missions, when the Association was addressed by Elder Levi Bryan, followed by Elders A. B. Alderman, W. R. Johnson, E. J. Edwards and W. M. Kennedy. On motion, adopted.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. L. Britt.

The report on Sabbath Schools was next read, when the Association was addressed by Elders Wm. R. Johnson, A. B. Alderman and Levi Bryan and Brother D. W. Williams. On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, leave of absence was granted Elder Levi Bryan, for the term.

The Treasurer of the Association offered the following report (see report), which was, on motion, adopted.

Finance Committee next reported. Report adopted (see report).

On motion, ordered that the Finance Committee turn over to the Treasurer the money in their hands.

Committee on Education next reported, when the Association was addressed by Elder W. M. Kennedy on the subject, followed by Elder A. B. Alderman and the Moderator. On motion, adopted.

Committee on Obituary next reported. On motion, adopted. (See report).

The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board was next read and, on motion, adopted. (See report).

Committee on State Missions next reported. On motion, adopted. (See report).

Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was adopted. (See report).

Committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board reported, recommending the following Brethren: Giles Clute, Marshal O. Jackson, Fleet H. Howard, J. A. Dawson, D. J. Jackson, E. S. Herring and D. W. Williams. On motion, adopted.

Brother T. W. Britt offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this church and community for the hospitable manner in which the messengers and visitors have been entertained.

On motion, the letters from Magnolia and Union Grove were taken from the table and proceeded to select place for next session. On motion, called roll of messengers, which resulted in the selection of Magnolia, Cumberland county, N. C.

On motion, appointed Elder H. J. Duncan to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. O. Tew, alternate, and Elder A. B. Alderman to preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder W. M. Page, alternate.

Ordered, that the Clerk have ten dollars for his services, and expend the balance of the money in printing and distributing the minutes.

A motion to change the time of meeting to Thursday was, on motion, postponed to Wednesday of the next session. Also a motion to change the third Article of the Constitution, was, on motion, postponed to Wednesday of the next session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next session.

Closing exercises conducted by Elder A. B. Alderman, who made some very interesting remarks.

The Sabbath School class discoursed some beautiful music, when Elder W. A. Melvin led in prayer.

Sang the first doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessing flow."

Benediction announced by Elder A. B. Alderman. Thus closed a harmonious session.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—When we look abroad to the fields in our State that are destitute of the true gospel and remember that every person having become accountable for his deeds, will believe something, we should exert ourselves to send them the Truth, that they may believe to the saving of their souls.

While we have an open field in our own bounds, we should hearken to the calls of our friends abroad and give of our means to send the gospel to them. Our State Board is continually asking us to aid them, and they cannot do the work that lies before them without the co-operation of the Association, and we hope that the pastors and delegates will heed the call that is coming from the various quarters of our State and lay the matter before their churches, that they may become more interested in the work. Our State Board has been doing a good work, but will do considerably more if we will do our duty. Let us all come together and give of our means to aid our State Board in sending the gospel to the destitute corners of our State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. TEW,
D. S. BULLRD,
D. W. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee beg leave to report the following:

It is the duty of God's children to give the gospel to the nations. "Go, teach all nations," is the command of the great Teacher. If we do this they will be saved, if they believe, and we will be clear of their blood. But if we fail to do this they will be lost and we will be held accountable.

The first great duty of the churches is to evangelize the nations.

N. J. DUNCAN,
J. BRYAN,
—. UNDERWOOD,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Whereas, religious literature is one of the means we have of spreading the gospel. Your committee would recommend every family in the land to supply themselves with good books and papers. We would especially recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER. It is the organ of our denomination and is second to no religious paper printed in the State. Our Sunday School paper, *Kind Words*, is worthy the attention of every Sunday School in the country. The *Foreign Mission Journal* is full of interesting matter and worthy our support.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren:—In conducting the missionary operations of an Association, there are many difficulties and discouragements to be met with. The principal one of these is the need of funds. Your Board have adopted the cash system. We never send a Missionary to any field, unless we have the funds on hand, or the assurance of them, to pay him.

In laying off work in the beginning of the year, we are guided by the amount of funds on hand, or the pledges made by the churches.

We submit the following statement of our work for the last year:

Rev. W. M. Page has preached regularly at Trinity, in Johnson county.

Rev. J. O. Tew has supplied the church at Maple Grove, Sampson county.

Rev. Wm. Bland preached a part of the year at Oliver's Grove. After preaching at that place five months, we thought it advisable to discontinue missionary operations.

Elder I. T. Newton preached at Britt's School House two times, by the direction of the Board.

We paid $10 to supplement the pastor's salary at Hickory Grove.

Rev. A. B. Alderman was sent to Pope's School House, in Harnett county ; at our meeting at Salem in December, and preached regularly up to our August meeting.

Brother Tew reports good and attentive congregations at Maple Grove, the interest increasing, and the brethren making arrangements to build a house.

Brother Page reports the prospects at Trinity hopeful and feels encouraged.

Brother Alderman reports that Pope's School House is an important point and the prospects are encouraging.

Brother Newton reports attentive congregations at Britt's School House.

The brethren of Hickory Grove think that, with a continuation of help, the church will soon be self-sustaining.

In concluding this report, the Executive Board, as the servants of the Association, beg leave to say, that if the Association expects the Board to successfully carry on the mission work within its bounds, it must furnish the funds.

Now, shall we go forward and occupy the land? Or, shall we say to those who are sending up their cries, "Send us the word of life," "We cannot help you?" The Association must decide this.

Respectfully submitted,

Isham Royal, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Dear Brethren :—Your Sunday School Board, at their first meeting, divided the Association into five districts, to each member of the Board five churches. We have held two conventions during the past year, and several of the Sunday Schools have been visited by members of the Board. There is a great work to be done in the improvement of the Sunday Schools in the Association. There is no better way to advance our Redeemer's kingdom than through the Sunday School. Give it your prayers, and a great blessing from our Savior will follow the labors of those who are engaged in this noble work.

Giles Clute,
Chairman Sunday School Board.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. A. BEAMAN, Treasurer of Executive Board,

Dr.

To Amounts Received:

October, 1883.—Balance on hand		$ 6 31
Received from	Baptist Chapel	44 09
	Hermon	5 13
	Mill Creek	60
	Salem	10 10
	Ebenezer	1 00
	Maple Grove	2 85
	Spring Branch	11 86
	White Oak	3 15
	Piny Green	2 90
	Union Grove	5 30
	Mt. Elam	2 25
	Hickory Grove	2 07
	Long Branch	6 00
	Rowan	2 35
	Antioch	6 07
	Brown's	2 15
	Lilly's Grove	2 33
	Canaan	2 29
	Pleasant Union	1 25
	Concord	2 60
	Trinity, through W. M. Page	9 00
	Piny Grove. J. O. Tew	1 50
	Jacob C. Howard	1 00
	Giles Clute, on pledge	5 00
	J. T. Naylor, on pledge	50
	J. M. Johnson, on pledge	1 00
December, 1883.—Public collection at Salem		18 10
March, 1884.— " " " Rowan		14 83
June, 1884 — " " " Canaan		4 01
August, 1884.— " " " Antioch		6 66
Total		$194 25

Cr.

By cash paid W. M. Page	$ 55 00	
" " " Wm. Bland	22 00	
" " " J. O. Tew	36 66	
" " " D. W. Tew	10 00	
" " " I. T. Newton	5 00	
" " " A. B. Alderman	22 50	
October, 1884.—Balance on hand	43 09	
		$194 25

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAMAN,
Treasurer of Executive Board.

Audited and found correct.

ROBT. A. DRAUGHON,
J. F. CARROLL,
A. J. BUTLO,
Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

KEDAR VANN, *Treasurer, in Account with* THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Dr.

October 24, 1883.—To collection for Associational Missions.....	$ 7 52
" " " " " " " "	6 25
" " " " " " Foreign Missions	4 85
" " " " Minute fund...	29 71
" " " " Amount sent up the churches for the different objects........................	99 02
Total....	$147 35

Cr.

November 13, 1883.—By cash to Clerk of South River Association minutes...	$29 71	
January 29, '84 —By cash to Treasurer Baptist State Convention..........................	41 62	
January 7, '84 —By cash to Treasurer Baptist State Convention...	4 56	
January 7, '84.—By check and postage...	50	
October 23, 1884 —Balance on hand...	70 96	$147 35
In hands of former Treasurer............................		$ 89 98
Total on hand		$ 160 94

Respectfully submitted,

K. VANN, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct,

R. A. DRAUGHON,
J. F. CARROLL,
A. J. BUTLO,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

That we consider education, both mentally and morally, of the highest importance, and rejoice to know that there are many institutions of learning existing throughout this country for the advancement of this object.

Among these, we point you to Wake Forest College as eminently worthy of that patronage, particularly so, because it educates our young ministers free of cost. Its advantages, religiously and morally, are very superior, and its scholarship not surpassed by any in the State. We also commend to you the Murfreesboro Female Institute for the education of your girls. We also commend to you the Warsaw High School, and other Baptist schools in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

O BLACKBURN,
R. HIGHSMITH,
S. J. GUY,
Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to state that they are greatly pleased with the reports sent up from most of the churches in our Association, and trust that the cause will continue to grow until all our churches have well-conducted schools and every member of the church shall do their duty in aiding the cause by their attendance and by carrying out the little ones and teaching them of Christ. Much good has been done by the Sunday School Board appointed by our body, and we would recommend its continuance, and urgently request all our churches to do their whole duty in this great and important work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PAGE,
W. R JOHNSON,
J. M. JOHNSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPEARANCE.

Your committee beg to report the following:

That the importance of this subject cannot be urged too strongly upon us as Christians. We see our fellowmen, even our brethren, falling under its influence and our churches can do nothing better than to first pray for those who are led away by this great evil, Intemperance, then enforce strict discipline in our churches. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Wo to him that putteth the cup to his brother's lips. Again, we read that no drunkard can enter into the kingdom of God.

With these things before us, brethren, let us earnestly pray and use all our efforts to bring about a reformation in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

I T. NEWTON,
T. W. BRITT,
T. E. HOWARD,
Committee.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We respectfully recommend as delegates to the Baptist State Convention the following brethren: I. Royal, W. M. Page, D. W. Tew, Robt. Highsmith, S. J. Guy, H. J. Duncan and A. B. Alderman.

We respectfully recommend as messengers to the Eastern Assaciation, the following brethren: George Highsmith, W. A. Melvin and W. B. Malloy.

To the Cedar Creek: J. B. Downing, Rev. J. O. Tew, Rev. S. C. Page.

Little River: Rev. S. C. Page, H. Lenon, — Hall and J. L. Autery.

W. A. MELVIN,
A. B. ALDERMAN,
B. ELMORE,
Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Death is abroad in our land. Since our last session twenty-six of our number have fallen; among them are the aged and the young.

Brother Alfred Duncan, aged 81 years, a member of the church at Rowan, has been called to his eternal reward. In his death, the church sustained the loss of its oldest, most faithful and one of its leading members. He was a consistent member for 52 years, during which he never had a charge brought against him by the church, but ever acting his part well as a Christian and Deacon of the church, which office he filled for 21 years. He loved the church and Sabbath School. He loved his brethren and above all, he loved his Lord.

Also, Micajah Crumpler, aged 75 years, member of White Oak church, yielded to the dread summons. He had been a member of the church for 35 years, during which he contributed liberally of his means for the support of the Gospel.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. HALL, *Chairman.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men ; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend their printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and to disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	No. Teachers.	Number of pupils.	Total	No. vols. in Library.	Average attendance.	No. converts in the schools.	Verses commited to memory.	SUPERINTENDENTS.
Antioch	5	64	69	94				H. L. Hall.
*Concord								J. K. B Gregory.
Lilly's Grove			56					C. D. Hall.
Macedonia			45				1729	J. R. Hall.
Magnolia			60					A. Overton.
Baptist Chapel	5	90	95					W. C. Jackson.
*Brown's								
Canaan	6	30	36					
*Ebenezer								R. Highsmith.
Hermon	5	33	38		25			Giles Clute.
*Hickory Grove								
Lebanon	8	25	33	60	20			
Long Branch	4	56	60		48	12		H. I. Hall.
Maple Grove								
Mill Creek	5	50	55					W. S. Howard.
Mt. Elam	5	120	125					D. H. Jackson.
*Piny Green								
Pleasant Union								
Rowan								
*Salem								W. J. Butler.
Spring Branch	4	46	50					
*Union Grove								
White Oak								
Oliver's Grove								
Trinity								
	47	514	722	154	93	12	1729	

Churches marked thus * send no statistics.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions	Education.	State Missions.	Southern Baptist Convention.	Ladies Mis-sion'y So.—For'n Mis'ns.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.							
Antioch	$1 00	$1 25	$		$	$	$
Concord	1 95	1 10					
Lilly's Grove	1 00	1 00					
Macedonia	45						
Magnolia	1 15	5 25	4 65				
SAMPSON COUNTY.							
Baptist Chapel	2 65				1 25		
Brown's	1 00	1 25					4 62
Canaan	80	1 71	5 40				
Ebenezer	1 00	5 70	2 51				
Hermon	1 50	4 20	2 08				
Hickory Grove	75						
Lebanon	1 00						
Long Branch	2 00	4 30					
Maple Grove							
Mill Creek	1 00		2 14				
Mt. Elam	2 00	1 85					
Piny Green	1 00	1 65					
Pleasant Union	1 00	1 00					
Rowan	1 00	1 00					
Salem	2 50		3 00				8 75
Spring Branch	2 20	4 00	1 61				
Union Grove	75	1 10					
White Oak	2 05						3 34
JOHNSTON COUNTY.							
Oliver's Grove							
Trinity	75	4 00					
Total	$30 50	$40 36	$21 39		$1 25		$16 71

Grand total, $110.21.

H. J. DUNCAN,
H. L. HALL,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Males.	No. Females.	Total.	Gain dur'g year.	Loss dur'g year.	Total gain.	Total Loss.	Colored.	Time of meeting.	PASTORS	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
CUMBERL'D CO.																			
Antioch	9	2			2	3	52	74	126	11	5	6				W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	I. Strickland	Kyle' Landing.
Concord.	11	3	7	6	8	1	50	99	149	21	15	6			1st	D. S. Bullard.	Clay Fork	D. J. Davis	Robin Hill.
Lilly's Grove	4	1		8	1	1	27	28	55	5	10		5		1st	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	W. R. Haywood	Fayetteville.
Macedonia				16	3	1	15	24	39		20		20		4th			B. S. Horne	Buckhorn.
Magnolia	2			3	1	1	30	49	79	2	5		3		3rd	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	M. C. Averitt	Blockers.
SAMPSON CO.																			
Baptist Chapel	22	1	2	2	4	2	79	114	193	25	8	17		5	2nd	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	S. B. Page.	Hawley's Store.
Brown's							36	41	77						1st	Not given.	Not given.	Not given.	Not given.
Canaan						1	9	22	31		1		1	7		J. T. Albriton	Mt. Olive	John R. Elmore	Newton Grove.
Ebenezer	7	3		4	1		31	36	67	10	5	5			3rd	H. S. Spivey	Clinton	R. Highsmith	Coharie.
Hermon	22	7		2			20	23	43	29	2	27				J. L. Britt	Warsaw	H. H. Britt	Clinton.
Hickory Grove					1		5	9	14		1		1		4th	Supplied by Ex. B'd.		J. A. Beaman	Beaman's X Roads.
Lebanon		3		8	4		30	55	85	3	12		9		4th	H. S. Spivey	Clinton	W. L. Kennedy	Harrell's Store.
Long Branch	19	2		1	2	1	44	63	107	21	4	17				A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	H. I. Hall	Dismal Swamp.
*Maple Grove																Supplied by Ex. B'd.			
Mill Creek	6						16	18	34	6		6				Levi Bryan	Cypress Creek	N. Sessoms	Owenville.
Mt. Elam.	13		2				34	47	81	15		15			3rd	R. Fisher.	Blocker's	O. M. Jackson	Hawley's Store.
Piny Green	12		1	7	3	2	34	104	138	13	12	1		6		J. O. Tew	Huntly	D. W. Tew	Beaman's X Roads.
Pleasant Union	14	2	4	1		2	34	75	109	20	3	17			4th	R. Newton	Fayetteville	F. H. Howard	Robin Hill.
Rowan	8			4	1	2	31	61	96	8	7	1			2nd	J. O. Tew	Huntly	I. F. Duncan	Not given.
Salem				1		5	61	105	166		6		6		3rd	Not given.	Not given.	J. C. Howard	Huntly.
Spring Branch	9		1	2		2	68	155	223	10	5	5			1st	I. T. Newton	Hawley's Store	N. A. Layton	Giles' Mill.
Union Grove	3						17	16	33	3		3				W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	Not given.	Not given.
White Oak						2	35	64	99		2		2			Not given.			
JOHNSTON CO.																			
*Oliver's Grove																			
Trinity							3	4	7						4th	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	Harry Johnson	Rome.
	161	24	17	65	31	26	771	1280	2051	202	123	126	47	18					

Churches marked thus * send no statistics.

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REUBEN NEWTON..........Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N. C.
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WILLIAM R. JOHNSON,......Buckhorn, Cumberland Co. N. C.
A. B. ALDERMAN,.........Hawley's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.
W. M. PAGE,................Hawley's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.
S. C. PAGE, ...Rhodes, Sampson Co., N. C.
JOHN O. TEW,.........................Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C.
D. W. TEW............Beaman's X Roads, Sampson Co., N. C.
W. A. MELVIN, ...Harrell's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.
H. J. DUNCAN,. ....Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C.
J. W. BELL...........................Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C.
R. HUNYCUTT, ...Hawley's Store, Sampson Co., N. C.
LEVI BRYANT, ...Cypress Creek, Bladen Co., N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

MAGNOLIA, CUMBERLAND CO., N. C., Oct. 20th, 1885.

The South River Baptist Association met in its Ninth Annual Session with the Church at Magnolia, Cumberland County, N. C. The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock A. M., by Elder H. J. Duncan, the appointee, to a large and attentive congregation, from Romans 5th chapter, part of the 20th verse: "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

After an intermission for three-quarters of an hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Isham Royal, who read the 63rd Psalm. Sang hymn 987, "Assembled at Thy Great Command." Prayer, the Moderator leading. Called list of churches, read church letters, and enrolled messengers as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Antioch—H. L. Hall, Isaac Strickland, Pulaski Hawley.
Concord—John B. Downing, Daniel J. Davis, Duncan Bedsale.
Lilly's Grove—Uriah Underwood, S. J. Guy.
Macedonia—David Strickland,* Jonathan Nunnery,* William F. Carter.
Magnolia—J. H. Averitt, Hardy Jones, Beaty Fisher.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Baptist Chapel—D. W. Royal, R. A. Draughon, Whitney Royal.
Brown's—Elder H. J. Duncan, M. J. Bradshaw,* Joel Hair.
Canaan—T. E. Howard,* J. A. Rouse, J. R. Elmore.*
Ebenezer—J. J. Highsmith, George Highsmith, J. C. Robinson.
Hermon—Jas. E. Britt, J. D. Hope,* T. W. Britt.*
Hickory Grove—W. R. Warren, S. M. Weeks,* Henry Jones.
Lebanon—W. A. Melvin,* Joseph H. Newton.
Long Branch—John Horne, J. A. Bullard,* H. I. Hall.
Maple Grove—R. S. Westbrooks, J. W. Tact,* W. L. Blackman.*
Mill Creek—M. M. Sessoms, Benson Tanner,* John W. Strickland.
Mt. Elam—T. N. Jackson, B. Warren, Dempsey H. Jackson.
Piny Green—Not represented.
Pleasant Union—A. E. Hall,* F. I. McKenzie, John T. McKenzie.
Rowan—J. T. Chestnutt, Walter Boon.
Salem—Isham Royal, A. J. Cooper, S. A. Howard.*
Spring Branch—David Williford, S. H. Godwin, I. T. Warren.

Names of messengers marked thus * absent.

Union Grove—D. W. Williams, Daniel Williams, Sr., Octavus Williams.*

White Oak—R. M. Crumpler, B. F. Faircloth,* A. C. Crumpler.*

JOHNSTON COUNTY.

Oliver's Grove—Not represented.

Trinity—Harry Johnson,* James M. Johnson, T. T. Lee.*

Brethren H. L. Hall and R. A. Draughon were appointed a Committee of Finance, and brethren D. W. Williams and Frank M. Royal, Reading Clerks.

Preaching at the stand by Elder W. S. Melvin.

The letter from Union Grove having a petition for the next session, was laid on the table; and the letter from Trinity asking assistance from the Executive Board was referred to the Executive Board.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, on motion went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Appointed tellers as follows: For Moderator, R. Highsmith and Elder H. J. Duncan; for Clerk, A. J. Cooper and I. Strickland; for Treasurer, J. E. Britt and S. H. Godwin. Result of election—Isham Royal unanimously re-elected Moderator; John B. Downing re-elected Clerk, and Kadar Vann re-elected Treasurer.

On motion, gave an invitation to corresponding and visiting brethren, when Bro. L. W. Byrd and Elder J. M. Holleman announced themselves as corresponding messengers from the Little River Association, and were welcomed by the Moderator; and Elders Wm. S. Melvin, E. J. Edwards, Jas. G. Fisher, I. T. Newton and David S. Bullard from the Cedar Creek Association, reported as corresponding messengers, and were welcomed. Elder S. C. Page announced himself as volunteer agent for the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

On motion, appointed the pastor and deacons of this church a committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

Called for petitionary letters, when the church at Greenwood, Harnett county, (newly constituted) presented her petitionary letter.

On motion, the church was received, and the following enrolled as messengers: Wm. H. Pope and E. C. Pope, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

Elder R. T. Bryan reported as a visitor from the Eastern Association, representing the Foreign Mission Board, and was welcomed.

On motion, the following committees were appointed to report at this session:

On Foreign Missions—Elders E. J. Edwards, H. J. Duncan and Whitney Royal.

On State Missions—Elder W. R. Johnson, R. Highsmith and J. H. Averitt.

To Nominate an Executive Board—Brethren D. H. Jackson, J. E. Britt and K. Vann.

On Education—Elders I. T. Newton, J. M. Holleman and J. O. Tew.

On Sabbath Schools—H. L. Hall, Elder D. S. Bullard and J. M. Johnson.

On Periodicals—Elders J. G. Fisher, S. C. Page and David Williford.

On Temperance—Elder W. M. Page, D. W. Williams and Daniel J. Davis.

On Obituaries—R. A. Draughon, H. I. Hall and J. C. Robinson.

To Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—A. J. Cooper, George Highsmith and P. Hawley.

Auditing Committee—I. Strickland and John B. Downing.

On Digest of Church Letters—Elder W. S. Melvin, David Strickland and S. M. Weeks.

To Nominate a Sabbath School Board—Wm. H. Pope, J. A. Rouse and R. S. Westbrook.

To Nominate Corresponding Messengers—J. M. Johnson, D. Royal and Elder H. J. Duncan.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced prayer meeting at 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, to be conducted by Elder I. T. Newton.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was made the special order for the first business in the morning.

On motion, adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow. Elder R. T. Bryan led in prayer. Sang the long meter doxology. Benediction by Elder J. M. Holleman.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 21st, 1885

The Association was called to order by Moderator Royal. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder S. C. Page, who read the 23rd Psalm. Sang hymn 937, "How Sweet and Awful is the Place." Prayer, Elder S. C. Page leading. Called list of messengers. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. Called for and read letters from churches not represented on yesterday.

Renewed invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren, when Bro John E Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and Bro. C. L. Smith, Corresponding Editor of the BIBLICAL RECORDER, reported as visitors, and were welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, the special order was postponed until after the consideration of the report on State Missions.

The report on State Missions was then read by Elder Wm. R. Johnson. Pending the adoption of the report, the Association was addressed by Bro. John E. Ray. At the close of Bro. Ray's speech the brethren and friends came forward and laid $10.15 on the table for State Missions. Report adopted. (See Report.)

On motion, agreed to make an effort to raise $50.00 for State Missions during the year.

On motion, agreed to give the collection after the preaching of the Missionary Sermon to Foreign Missions.

The report on Foreign Missions was then read by Elder E. J. Edwards.

The Missionary Sermon was then preached by Elder R. T. Bryan, from Malachi, 3rd chapter, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th verses: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $18.20, when the report was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, brethren Thos. Jackson, B. Warren, I. T. Warren, S. H. Godwin, Wm. H. Pope and E. C. Pope were granted leave of absence for the term.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. G. Fisher.

The report of the Executive Board was next read by the chairman (I. Royal) when the Association was addressed on the subject of Associational Missions by Whitney Royal, R. A. Draughon, Elder Wm. R. Johnson, Bro. C. L. Smith, Elder J. M. Holleman, Bro. H. Johnson, J. L. Autry, Elders Levi Bryant and I. T. Newton, when the following churches pledged the amounts opposite their names to build a church house at Oliver's Grove, in Johnston county: Macedonia, $2.00; Baptist Chapel, $2.00; Brown's, $2.00; Canan, $1.00; Ebenezer, $2 50; Hermon, $1.00; Rowan, 50 cents; Salem, $2.00; Greenwood, 50 cents; amounting in church pledges to $13.50; and the following brethren pledged the amounts opposite their names for the same object: J. L. Autry, $5.00; Elder W. R. Johnson, $2.00; C. L. Smith, $1.00, paid; Kadar Vann, $1.00, paid; L. W. Byrd, 50 cents, paid; Elder I. T. Newton, $1.00; Elder H. J. Duncan, $1.00; D. W. Williams, 50 cents; H. L. Hall, $1.00; R. S. Westbrooks, 25 cents; M. M. Sessoms, $1.00; David Williford, $1.00; Daniel Williams, 50 cents; Elder J. M. Holleman, $1.00, paid; Elder J. O. Tew, $1.00; Miss Ella Alderman, $1.00; Elder W. M. Page, $1.00; amounting in personal pledges to $19.75, and in church and personal pledges to $33.25.

On motion, the report was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion, Elder A. B. Alderman, Whitney Royal and R. A. Draughon were appointed a Building Committee, to secure a site and superintend the building of the house.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board next reported. Recommend brethren Isham Royal, Whitney Royal, Robert Highsmith, John B. Downing, H. L. Hall, Thos. W. Britt and Robert A. Draughon.

On motion, report adopted.

On motion, took the letter from Union Grove from the table and proceeded to locate the next session.

On motion, agreed to meet with the church at Union Grove, Sampson county, on Tuesday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1886, at 10:30 A. M.

On motion, the two special orders for to-day were made the special order for to-morrow morning.

On motion, the report on Periodicals was made the special order for 10:30 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Committee on Religious Exercises announced prayer meeting at 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, to be conducted by Elder J. O. Tew.

On motion, adjourned to 9.30 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Elder J. T. Townsend.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 22d.

Met as per adjournment. Spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. O. Tew. When the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. G. Fisher conducted the devotional exercises, using hymn 642, "Soldiers of Christ Arise."

Called roll of messengers and noted absentees.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

On motion, agreed to limit speeches to five minutes.

Preaching at the stand by Elder J. M. Holleman.

The two special orders, being the consideration of changing the third and thirteenth articles of the Constitution, were taken up and discussed. On the vote being taken, failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote.

The report on Periodicals being the special order for this hour, was read by Elder J. G. Fisher, when speeches were made by Bro. C. L. Smith, Elders W. R. Johnson, I. T. Newton, Bre. L. W. Byrd, J. L. Autry and others, when the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Elder E. J. Edwards offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Catholics have in the United States 95 orphan houses, the Episcopalians 35, the Lutherans 8, the Jews 8, and the Baptist denomination only 7. In view of these facts

Resolved 1st, That we, the Baptists of the South River Associaation, endorse the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina.

Resolved 2nd, That we do all we can for the support of said Orphanage by contributing of our goods to its support.

Pending the adoption of the resolutions, speeches were made by Elder E. J. Edwards, Bro. C. L. Smith and Kadar Vann.

The committee to nominate corresponding messengers next reported, recommending the following:

To Cedar Creek Association—Eld. J. O. Tew and Bro. John Bryant.

To Little River—Eld. W. R. Johnson and J. B. Downing.

To Raleigh—Eld. W. M. Page and W. J. Pope.

To Eastern—Elders H. J. Duncan, D. W. Tew; brethren Giles Clute, James Britt, R. M. Crumpler and I. Royal.

To Robeson—Eld. J. T. Townsend.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Association was next read, and on motion, adopted. (See Report)

Brethren H. Jones, A. Rouse, D. Wilfiford, J. J. Highsmith, George Highsmith and J. C. Robinson were granted leave of absence for the balance of the term.

On motion, took a recess for half an hour. Elder J. O. Tew pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Resumed business.

On motion, brethren J. H. Newton and Joel Hair were granted leave of absence for the term.

The Committee on Einance next reported, and on motion the report was adopted and the Committee instructed to pay the funds in their hands to the Treasurer of the Association. (See Report.)

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported, recommending Elders W. R. Johnson, A. B. Alderman and Bro. Isham Royal. (Report adopted.)

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association attending any Association with which we correspond be considered a Corresponding Messenger.

The report on Temperance was next read and discussed by D. W. Williams, K. Vann, J. E. Britt, and others.

On motion, adopted. (See Report.)

Preaching at the stand by Elder W. M. Page.

The report on Sabbath Schools was next read, and discussed by Elder J. M. Holleman, and on motion adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Obituaries then reported, and on motion report adopted. (See Report.)

Report on Digest of Church Letters was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Education was next read, and discussed by Elder J. M. Holleman, and on motion adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board next reported, recommending H. L. Hall, W. B. Maloy, D. W. Williams, W. J. Honrine, Fleet H. Howard and A. J. Cooper, and on motion the report was adopted.

On motion, Elder J. O. Tew was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at 10:30 o'clock A. M., at the next session, Elder W. R. Johnson, alternate; and Elder R. Newton the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday, Elder W. M. Page, alternate.

On motion, the Building Committee at Oliver's Grove were constituted a Board of Trustees.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk have ten dollars for his services, and expend the balance of the money in printing and distributing minutes, and that he have one hundred blank church letters printed and distributed among the churches for future use.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body is hereby tendered to the people of this vicinity for their hospitality during this session.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board was next read, and on motion adopted. (See Report.)

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church at Union Grove, Sampson county, on Tuesday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1886, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

The closing exercises were conducted by Elder I. T. Newton. Sang hymn 1148, "Blest be the tie that binds." While singing the hymn, the brethren took an affectionate leave of each other. Thus closed a harmonious session.

May the giver of all good spare our lives to meet at our next session is our prayer.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Moderator.*

JOHN B. DOWNING, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—When we look abroad over the fields in our State that are destitute of the true gospel, and remember that everybody having become responsible for his deeds will believe something, we should exert ourselves to send them the truth that they may believe to the saving of their souls. While we have an open field in our own bounds, we should hearken to the calls of our friends abroad and in our own State. The great felt want among christians in these times of financial trials, is the spirit of missions, the same spirit that moved the Saviour to come to earth and offer up himself, his whole self for us; that spirit which constrained Paul, that doth constrain all christians to work for the Master.

Respectfully submitted, W. R. JOHNSON,
Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: That whereas the scriptures speak against intemperance as strong (if not stronger) as any other sin, and at these present days it has become the most disgraceful and degrading of all practices, we do not hesitate to say that we as the professed followers of our Lord Jesus Christ should abstain from its use, and raise our hands and voices against the liquor crime. Seeing that it debases man, degrades society, polutes institutions and destroys christian piety, we know that it is the duty of us as a body of christians to abstain from its use.

W. M. PAGE,
D. J. DAVIS,
D. W. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—This subject is one which concerns all lovers of good society and good government, and especially all lovers of the christian religion. Parents and guardians should look well to the educational interests of those whom God has placed under their care, and we as Baptists should see that our children are placed under good religious teachers and in good schools. We would recommend for our boys and young ministers Wake Forest College, for our girls Murfreesboro, Thomasville or Oxford Female Colleges, and for a preparatory course we would recommend any of our primary or preparatory schools in our midst conducted by good pious or religious teachers.

I. T. NEWTON,
J. M. HOLLEMAN,
J. O. TEW,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In order that men may be interested in and labor for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, they must have that knowledge which comes alone from the press; therefore we would advise every family to take one or more religious paper, and we would further advise them to let the BIBLICAL RECORDER be first, as from it there is so much to be learned with regard to the needs and work of Christ's church, believing as we do, that as a rule those who read the RECORDER are the best and most earnest workers. We also recommend *Kind Words* and the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. G. FISHER,
S. C. PAGE,
D. WILLIFORD.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God has commanded us to go into all the world and teach all nations. He also says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Paul gave his life to the Foreign Mission work, saying, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Nearly a thousand million heathens are crying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

PEOPLE WITHOUT THE GOSPEL—THE NUMBER GOING FROM US TO PREACH TO THEM.

Chinese Empire,	400,000,000—10 ministers, 15 ladies.
Turkey in Asia,	13,500,000—not one.
Japan,	33,000,000—not one.
Hindostan,	180,500,000—not one.
Other of Asia,	124,000,000—not one.
Islands,	10,000,000—not one.
Africa,	191,000,000—5 ministers, 3 ladies.
Italy,	26,789,000—2 ministers, 1 lady.
Mexico,	9,000,000—3 ministers, 6 ladies.
Brazil,	11,780,000—2 ministers, 2 ladies.
Other of South America,	16,812,000—not one.

In China alone there are 1,500 counties, equal perhaps in population to thirty States like North Crrolina, with not a preacher. There is one preacher in the United States to 900, while there is but one to 500,000 in foreign fields. Oh, the destitution !

God's commandment makes us foreign missionaries. The love of Christ constrains us to be foreign missionaries. Love for perishing souls makes us foreign missionaries. Jesus tells us to go, and promises to be with us always, even unto the end of the world. Surely we must increase our working, praying and giving. Our Association is doing but little for this great work, raising far less than our proportion of the amount which is asked from North Carolina. Your committee recommend more work, more prayer, more giving; and that each pastor try to get the *Foreign Mission Journal* in every family.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We beg leave to submit the following report: Elder W. M. Page has preached regular at Trinity, except two months. He reports the congregations attentive. Two have been received by letter.

Elder J. O. Tew reports that in the beginning of the year, there was some troble in the church at Maple Grove, but this has been settled and the prospects are now encouraging.

Elder A. B. Alderman reports that the congregations at Oliver's Grove are not very large, but attentive and anxious for preaching.

Some members of the Board visited this church in July, and report the prospects so gloomy that we concluded to discontinue our work there. They have no house of worship there, and the brethren and friends think that if they had a house we could build up a permanent interest there.

Elder W. R. Johnson reports the congregations at Greenwood large, attentive and anxious to hear the word. He has baptized six and organized a church with twelve members, which promises to be self sustaining in a few years. The Board has supplemented the salary of Elder W. S. Melvin at Macedonia with a small amount. He reports the church in a better condition, some have been excluded, eleven baptized and two restored. We also paid Elder H. G. Duncan a small amount for preaching at a station called Persimmon College, and spent two dollars for denominational tracts to be distributed in that section.

This report is submitted for your consideration with the hope that the churches will awake to the importance of this subject and increase their contributions for the next year, as there are several other destitute sections claiming our attention.

Respectfully submitted, ISHAM ROYAL,
Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, are of the opinion that this is a subject demanding the attention of this body, and will until the pernicious influences of the enemies of Sabbath Schools have died away. We would recommend an earnest and vigorous prosecution of the work by our pastors and churches until a flourishing Sabbath School shall be established in every church and locality within our Association.

Respectfully submitted, H. L. HALL,
D. S. BULLARD,
J. M. JOHNSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Twenty-eight of our number have been summoned to their reward since we last met. Sorrow has pierced many hearts. It is but natural for us to grieve when any of our loved ones die. A holy, consecrated christian life will enable us to bear all our sorrows with humble resignation and cheer us with the hope that we may meet them again in the beautiful beyond. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Be ye also ready."

R. A. DRAUGHON,
J. C. ROBINSON,
H. I. HALL.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. A. HIGHSMITH, TREASURER.

DEBIT TO AMOUNTS RECEIVED:

Baptist Chapel	$ 6 20
Hermon	3 81
Mill Creek	2 80
Salem	6 11
Spring Branch	7 32
White Oak	3 25
Union Grove	5 55
Mt. Elam	1 75
Long Branch	5 15
Ebenezer	------
Maple Grove	------
Piny Green	------
Hickory Grove	------
Rowan	------
Antioch	8 43
Brown's	------
Lilly's Grove	2 35
Canaan	------
Pleasant Union	2 75
Concord	2 57
Trinity	2 50
Macedonia	------
Magnolia	------
Lebanon	------
Oliver's Grove	1 00
Greenwood	------
Public collections at Baptist Chapel	10 02
" " " Long Branch	4 45
" " " Concord	2 75
" " " Lilly's Grove	2 46
Trinity, through W. M. Page	12 00
H. I. Hall	50
J. L. Autry	2 50
K. Vann, Treasurer S. R. Association	119 98
Received from former Treasurer	43 09
	$249 29

CREDIT BY AMOUNTS PAID:

Rev. Wm. M. Page, for services at Trinity	$ 55 00	
" " " " assisting at Greenwood	6 00	
" W. R. Johnson, for services at Greenwood	41 00	
" A. B. Alderman, for services at Oliver's Grove	50 00	
" J. O. Tew, for services at Maple Grove	27 00	
" J. O. Alderman, for assisting at Oliver's Grove	4 50	
" H. J. Duncan, one trip Persimmon College	5 00	
For tracts	2 00	
For aiding Macedonia	5 00	
		$175 50
Balance on hand		73 79
		$249 29

Audited and found correct.

ISAAC STRICKLAND,
JOHN B. DOWNING,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT ON CHURCH DIGEST.

Antioch is in a healthy condition; has been greatly revived; with a Sabbath School. W. M. PAGE, Pastor.

Concord is in a healthy condition; has been greatly revived; with a Sabbath School. D. S. BULLARD, Pastor.

Lilly's Grove not represented.

Macedonia is in a healthy condition; has been greatly revived; with a Sabbath School. W. S. MELVIN, Pastor.

Magnolia is in a healthy condition, with a Sabbath School. E. J. EDWARDS, Pastor.

Baptist Chapel is in a healthy condition; has been greatly revived; with a good Sabbath School. A. B. ALDERMAN, Pastor.

Brown's has been greatly revived, and is in a healty and prosperous condition. H. J. DUNCAN, Pastor.

Cannon has been revived, and is in a healthy condition. W. R. JOHNSON, Pastor.

Ebenezer is in a healthy condition, with a Sabbath School. H. S. SPIVEY, Pastor.

Hermon is in a healthy condition, with a Sabbath School. J. L. BRITT, Pastor.

Hickory Grove has been greatly revived, and is in a healthy condition. J. O. TEW, Pastor.

Lebanon has been revived, and is in a healthy condition; with a Sabbath School. W. A. MELVIN, Pastor.

Long Branch; nothing special; all in peace; we have a Sabbath School. A. B. ALDERMAN, Pastor.

Maple Grove all in peace; no additions. J. O. TEW, Pastor.

Mill Creek at peace among themselves, with a Sabbath School. L. BRYANT, Pastor.

Pleasant Union at peace, and has been greatly revived, with a Sabdath School. R. NEWTON, Pastor.

Rowan in peace, but no additions. J. O. TEW, Pastor.

Salem has been greatly revived, with a good Sabbath School. A. B. ALDERMAN, Pastor.

Spring Branch is in a healthy condition, with great revival, and with a good Sabbath School. J. T. NEWTON, Pastor.

Union Grove in peace, and love one another. W. M. PAGE, Pastor.

Greenwood in a healthy condition; supplied by W. R. JOHNSON, as Pastor.

White Oak, nothing special; all in peace; have a Sabbath School. D. S. BULLARD, Pastor.

Oliver's Grove not reported.

Trinity, nothing special; all in peace.

W. M. PAGE, Pastor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

KADAR VANN, *Treasurer, in account with* THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Dr.

Associational Missions	$ 57 25
Foreign Missions	38 87
Minute Fund	30 50
State Missions	1 25
Received of former Treasurer	89 98
	$217 85

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Paid Clerk, Minute Fund	$ 30 50
" R. Highsmith Treasurer Executive Board	119 98
" F. H. Briggs Treas. Baptist State Convention	------
" State Missions	1 25
" Foreign Missions,	38 10
" Education	2 80
" A. F. Johnson, for check	25
	$192 88
Leaving a balance on hand	$ 24 97

KADAR VANN, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

ISAAC STRICKLAND,
JNO. B. DOWNING,
Auditing Committee.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
South River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as the SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend their printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and to disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.
3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.
4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.
7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.
9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.
14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Total.	No. Vols. in Library.	Average Attendance.	No. Converts in School.	Verses Committed to Memory.	SUPERINTENDENTS.
CUMBERLAND CO.								
Antioch	5	62	67	78				H. L. Hall.
Concord	4	45	49		35			J. K. B. Gregory.
Lilly's Grove*								
Macedonia*								
Magnolia*								
HARNETT CO.								
Greenwood*								
JOHNSTON CO.								
Oliver's Grove*								
Trinity*								
SAMPSON CO								
Baptist Chapel	4	81	85					W. C. Jackson.
Brown's*								
Canaan*								
Ebenezer	4	30	34					R. Highsmith.
Hermon	6	60	66					Giles Clute.
Hickory Grove*								
Lebanon	12	20	32		15			W. L. Fennell.
Long Branch	5	54	59		48			J. W. Autry.
Maple Grove*								
Mill Creek	4	45	49					W. S. Howard.
Mt. Elam	4	60	64					B. Warren.
Piny Green†								
Pleasant Union††								
Rowan*								
Salem	4	94	94					A. J. Cooper.
Spring Branch	7	91	98			10		
Union Grove*								
White Oak*								
	59	638	697	78	98	10		

Churches marked * sent no statistics in church letter. †Not represented.
††Reports an interesting Sunday School; no statistics given.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	State Missions.	Southern Baptist Convention.	Ladies Missionary Society, Foreign Mis'ons.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.							
Antioch	$ 1 55	$ 2 19	$ 2 20				
Concord	1 80	77					
Lilly's Grove	75	1 60					
Macedonia	2 20	1 25					
Magnolia	84	1 09	1 10				
SAMPSON COUNTY.							
Baptist Chapel	2 25	1 37	1 00				
Brown's	1 50	5 00					
Canaan	80						
Ebenezer	1 00	5 00	1 51				
Hermon	1 25	75					
Hickory Grove	75	50					
Lebanon	1 00	5 00					
Long Branch	1 40	1 00					
Maple Grove	75	1 70					
Mill Creek	1 00	75	75				
Mt. Elam	2 00	1 28					
Piny Green							
Pleasant Union	1 00	75					
Rowan	1 00		2 00				
Salem	2 50	2 50	2 50				
Spring Branch	2 22	3 20	2 60				
Union Grove	75	6 35					
White Oak	1 00	2 00					
JOHNSTON COUNTY.							
Oliver's Grove	25	25					
Trinity	1 20						
J. M. Johnson		50					
Mrs. J. M. Johnson		50					
Joseph Naylor, pledge		1 00					
Greenwood	1 40	50					
	$32 12	$46 80	$13 66				

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Males.	No Females.	Total.	Gain during year.	Loss during year.	Total gain.	Total loss dur'g y'r	Colored.	Time of Meeting.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES
CUMBERL'D CO.																			
Antioch	8	1	3	1	2	2	51	82	133	12	5	7	...	..	.....	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	Isaac Strickland,	Kyle's Landing.
Concord	10	5	10	4	1	3	63	101	167	25	8	17	...	...	1st	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork	Duncan Bedsole,	Robin Hill.
Lilly's Grove	.....	..	..	7	1	3	22	23	45	.....	11	.....	11	..	.....	I. T. Newton	Hawley's Store	W. R. Haywood,	Fayetteville.
Maccedonia	11	3	3	2	4	1	21	30	51	17	7	10	...	...	3rd	W. S. Melvin	White Oak, Bl'd'n	B. S Horne	Buckhorn.
Magnolia	2	2	1	1	1	3	31	50	81	5	5	.....	...	...	3rd	E. J Edwards	Cedar Creek	M. J. Averitt	Blocker's.
HARNETT CO.																			
Greenwood*	.....	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	12	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	Supplied by Ex. B'd	.....	J. M Jones	Wade's, Harnett.
JOHNSTON CO.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oliver's Grove†	.....	...	..	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity	.....	2	..	...	...	...	4	5	9	2	.....	2	...	...	.....	Supplied by Ex. B'd	.....	Harvey Johnson.	Not given.
SAMPSON CO.																			
Baptist Chapel	29	5	1	4	1	2	94	127	221	35	7	28	...	..	2nd	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	S. B. Page	Hawley's Store
Brown's	23	3	1	4	1	1	47	53	100	27	6	21	...	...	4th	H. J. Duncan.	Clinton	J. H. McCullen.	Clinton.
Canaan	11	...	1	...	...	...	14	27	41	12	....	12	...	7	3rd	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	J. R. Elmon	Newton Grove.
Ebenezer	.....	1	...	2	...	2	29	31	60	1	4	.....	3	...	3rd	H. S. Spivey	Clinton.	R. Highsmith	Coharie.
Hermon	.....	6	...	3	1	...	22	30	52	6	4	2	...	...	2nd	J. L. Britt	Warsaw	H. H. Britt	Clinton.
Hickory Grove,	15	7	...	...	...	2	13	22	35	22	2	20	...	...	3rd	J. O. Tew	Clinton	J. A. Beaman	Beaman's X Roads
Lebanon	.....	2	2	1	...	...	....	.....	75	4	1	3	...	...	4th	H. S. Spivey	"	W. I. Fennell	Harrel's Store.
Long Branch	.....	3	1	2	2	2	44	60	101	4	6	.....	2	...	3rd	A. B. Alderman.	Hawley's Store	H. I. Hall	Dismal.
Maple Grove	.....	...	...	...	1	...	4	8	12	.....	1	...	1	...	.....	Supplied by Ex. B'd	.....	Ja . Denning.	Not given.
Mill Creek	.....	...	...	1	2	...	16	18	34	.....	3	.....	3	...	3rd	Levi Bryant	Cypress Creek	Uriah Sessoms	Owensville.
Mt. Elam	.. ..	1	...	...	...	...	34	47	81	1	.....	1	...	...	3rd	B. Fisher	Blocker's.	B. Warren	Bass.
Piny Green ‡	.....	..	...	...	...	..	34	104	138	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Union	20	1	5	...	...	1	51	72	123	26	1	25	...	...	4th	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	F. H. Howard	Not given.
Rowan	.....	...	...	...	2	...	28	61	89	.....	.....	.....	...	...	2nd	J. O. Tew	Clinton.	I. I. Molpas.	Clinton.
Salem	15	1	1	2	...	3	70	109	179	17	5	12	...	...	.....	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	J. C Howard	Huntley.
Spring Branch	13	1	1	4	...	2	73	156	229	15	6	9	...	...	1st	I. T. Newton	" "	N. A. Laton	Giles' Mills.
Union Grove	1	4	1	...	1	...	18	19	37	6	1	5	...	..	.....	W. M. Page	" "	Not given.	.....
White Oak	.....	...	...	5	16	3	16	59	75	....	24	.....	24	...	4th	.....	.....	J. B. Butler.	Clinton.
	158	48	31	43	36	30	806	1302	2183	237	107	174	44	7					

*Newly constituted †Not represented. ‡Piny Green not represented; statistics last year.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Union Grove, Sampson County, N. C.,
October 19, 1886.

The South River Baptist Association convenes in its tenth annual session in the church at Union Grove, Sampson County, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon is preached by Elder J. O. Tew from St. John ix., 9: "He said, I am He." Intermission of three-fourths of an hour is taken.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator, Isham Royal.

Religious exercises are conducted by Elder Wiley M. Page, who reads the 9th Psalm. Hymn, "Be merciful to us, Oh! God," is sung. Prayer, W. M. Page leading.

Elder W. M. Page delivers an address of welcome, to which, on behalf of the Association, Elder I. T. Newton responds.

List of churches is called and a majority are found to be represented.

Letters from churches are read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Cumberland County.

Antioch—H. L. Hall, Isaac Strickland, Elder S. C. Page.
Concord—J. B. Downing, J. B. Jackson, Daniel J. Davis.
Lilly's Grove—S. F. Breece, J. C. Brock, S. J. Guy.
Macedonia—*David Strickland, W. E. Starling, John R. Hall.
Magnolia—J. B. Bryant, H. Jones, *J. H. Averitt.

Harnett County.

Greenwood—W. H. Pope, *Y. T. Weaver, *J. G. Godwin.

Johnston County.

Otiver Grove—Not represented.
Trinity—James M. Johnson.

Sampson County.

Baptist Chapel—R. A. Draughon, D. H. Hays, A. K. Page.
Brown's—Elder H. J. Duncan, B. Hair, Joel Hair.
Canaan—J. A. Rouse, J. R. Elmore.
Ebenezer—J. J. Highsmith, O. K. Vann, K. Vann.
Hermon—C. E. Ship, T. W. Britt, *H. H. Britt.
Hickory Grove—S. Weeks, J. A. Beaman, *B. M. Herring.
Lebanon—Not represented.
Long Branch—J. W. Autry, *Jasper Horne, Fountain Jackson.
Maple Grove—R. S. Westbrook.
Mill Creek—M. M. Sessoms, *Eli Cooper, J. B. Strickland.
Mt. Elam—Elder R. Honeycutt, T. N. Jackson, B. Warren.
Piny Green—Amma Royal, W. W. Dranghon, *R. T. Dranghon.
Pleasant Union—*John Fisher, Iverson McKenzie, John M. Fisher.
Rowan—Elder W. H. Howard.
Salem—Isham Royal, A. J. Cooper, A. D. Lockamy.
Spring Branch—Elder I. T. Newton, J. A. Dawson, Thos. J. Jackson.
Union Grove—Thos. Williams, Sr., Daniel Williams, Sr., W. K. Hair.
White Oak—R. M. Crumpler, Amma Crumpler, R. N. Butler.
Royal's Chapel—Whitney Royal, Elder D. W. Tew, *W. N. Lockamy.
Elizabeth—Elder John O. Tew, R. L. Lewis, W. J. Watson.

Names of delegates marked thus * are absent.

Elders I. T. Newton and D. W. Tew are appointed Reading Clerks, and brethren H. L. Hall and R. A. Draughon are appointed a Committee of Finance.

The pastor and other officers of this church are appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

Preaching at the stand by Elder S. C. Page.

The letter from Lebanon is laid on the table.

The Association proceeds to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following brethren are appointed tellers: For Moderator, K. Vann, J. L. Autry; for Clerk, Elder H. J. Duncan, R. N. Butler; for Treasurer, R. M. Crumpler, Thos. W. Britt. Result—Isham Royal is re-elected Moderator, Robert A. Draughon elected Clerk, H. L. Hall elected Treasurer.

Invitation is extended to visiting brethren. The following brethren accept the invitation: Elder L. M. Curtis, corresponding delegate from the Eastern Association; John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention; Elder C. S. Farriss, associate editor *Biblical Recorder* and corresponding delegate from Central Association.

Petitionary letters are called for. A letter from Royals Chapel, a newly constituted church, asking admission, is read. The church is received and W. Royal, D. W. Tew, W. N. Lockamy are enrolled as delegates, and the right hand of fellowship is extended by the Moderator.

A letter from Elizabeth, a newly constituted church, asking admission, is read. The church is received, and John O. Tew, Robert L. Lewis and W. J. Watson are enrolled as delegates. The right hand of fellowship is extended by the Moderator.

The following committees are appointed:

Periodicals—C. S. Farriss, J. B. Jackson, John Culbreth.
State Missions—John E. Ray, H. J. Duncan, J. M. Johnson.

The rules are suspended and Elder C. S. Farriss reads the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We are convinced that the wonderful growth, unity and strength of our denomination in the State is largely traceable to the influence of our Baptist organ, published at Raleigh, the *Biblical Recorder*. More than half a century the *Recorder* has labored for the increase of Baptist principles, and is to-day a fearless defender and expounder of the truth as held by the Baptists. Every Baptist home in the State should have the *Recorder*. No other agency can take its place as an indoctrinator, a religious educator, and for giving information about the Lord's work in the State that every Baptist who desires growth in grace and good works should not deprive himself of. The committee recommends that the churches appoint committees on religious literature, whose duty it shall be to help pastors extend the circulation of the *Recorder*.

We recommend also the "*Kind Words*," lesson helps for Sunday schools, and the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

C. S. FARRISS,
JOHN CULBRETH,
J. B. JACKSON,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by Elders C. S. Farriss, W. R. Johnson and the Moderator. Report is adopted.

Bro. J. B. Downing reads the following resolutions which are, at his request, postponed until Thursday 10 o'clock A. M.:

Resolved, That the 3rd Article of the Constitution be changed by striking out all after the word "delegate," in the third line.

Resolved, That the 13th Article of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "Tuesday," in the second line, and inserting the word "Wednesday."

Bro. John E. Ray reads the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work before the State Board of Missions is to carry the gospel of peace into every neighborhood in North Carolina. The seventy-two missionaries who have been sent out by this Board this year are doing much to achieve this end. From every field occupied by them the most cheering and gratifying reports have been received. Several new churches and Sunday schools have been organized, a number of houses of worship are going up, and *thousands* of souls have been buried with Christ by baptism. The prospects before our Lord's work were never more promising than now. All over the State showers of blessings have attended the labors of the faithful servants of God. New fields, too, are constantly opening up before the Board and begging for the glad news of salvation. Shall we heed this call of our Saviour?

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN E. RAY,
H. J. DUNCAN,
J. M. JOHNSON,
Cammittee.

Pending motion to adopt, the report is discussed by Bro. John E. Ray, the brethren, sisters and friends come forward and lay $13.72 on the table for State Missions, and the following pledges are made for State Missions for the ensuing year: Antioch, $3.00; Concord, $3.00; Lilly's Grove, $1.50; Magnolia, $2.00; Greenwood, $1.00. Baptist Chapel, $1.00; Ebenezer, $2.50; Hermon, $1.00; Hickory Grove, $1.00; Maple Grove, 50; Mill Creek, $1.00; Mt. Elam, $1.00; Piny Green, $2.00; Pleasant Union, $1.00; Spring Branch, $5.00; Salem, $5.00; Royal's Chapel, $1.00; Elizabeth, $4.00; Union Grove, $3.50; White Oak, $3.00; Trinity, 50; H. J. Duncan, $1.00; J. L. Autry, $2.00; John Culbreth, $1.00; Frank Lewis, 50. Report is adopted.

The following committees are appointed:

Foreign Missions—J. L. Autry, Isaac Strickland, J. B. Bryant.
To Nominate Executive Board—K. Vann, D. J. Davis, W. H. Pope.
Education—L. M. Curtis, J. O. Tew, J. A. Dawson.
Sabbath Schools—W. R. Johnson, H. L. Hall, S. C. Page.
Temperance—I. T. Newton, W, M. Page, J. R. Hall.
Obituaries—H. J. Duncan, D. W. Tew, A. J. Cooper.
To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Whitney Royal, Reddin Honeycutt, W. E. Starling.
Auditing Committee—J. B. Downing, R. M. Crumpler.
Digest of Church Letters—W. H. Howard, Thos. W. Britt.
To Nominate Sabbath School Board—R. S. Westbrook, J. A. Rouse, Samson Weeks.
To Nominate Corresponding Messengers—J. B. Downing, A. K. Page, Amma Royal.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that Elder L. M. Curtis will preach at 1½ o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

The Association adjourns to 9½ o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer, L. M. Curtis leading. Benediction by Elder S. C. Page.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 1886.

The Association is convened according to adjournment, and is called to order by the Moderator, who reads a part of the 20th chapter of Luke. Hymn, "Happy is he that fears the Lord," is sung. Prayer, the Moderator leading. Roll is called.

Invitation is extended to visiting brethren. The following brethren accept the invitation: Elder W. B. Pope of the Eastern Association; Elders Allen Betts and J. A. Campbell of the Little River Association report as corresponding delegates.

The following order of business is adopted:

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messenger.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

List of churches that were not represented on yesterday is called and delegates enrolled.

The Association proceeds to locate the next session. Canaan is chosen as the place of the next session.

Elder I. T. Newton is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder S. C. Page alternate.

Elder J. O. Tew is appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Elder W. M. Page alternate.

The committee to nominate Executive Board recommend the following brethren: J. L. Autry, A. J. Cooper, J. A. Beaman, O. D. Strickland, James M. Johnson, Jordan Sessoms, James C. Robinson. Report is adopted.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention submits the following report:

We recommend as delegates Elds. W. R. Johnston, H. J. Duncan, I. T. Newton, J. O. Tew, Isham Royal. Any brother who may attend the Convention may be considered a delegate. Report is adopted.

J. L. Autry submits the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, as christians, believe that it is our duty and divine commission to send the good news of salvation to every nation of people.

The salvation of our Lord and Saviour is free to any one who will call upon His name. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. "How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent? I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me." Respectfully submitted,

J. L. AUTRY,
J. B. BRYANT,
ISAAC STRICKLAND,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by Elders Allen Betts W. B. Pope, L. M. Curtis, W. R. Johnson, S. C. Page.

List of churches is called and the following pledges are made for Foreign Missions:

Antioch, $5.00; Concord, $1.50; Lill's Grove, $2.50; Macedonia, $2.00; Magnolia, $2.50; Greenwood, $1.30; Baptist Chapel, $5.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; Hermon, $1.00; Hickory Grove, $2.00; Long Branch, $5.00; Maple Grove, 50; Mill Creek, $1.50; Mt. Elam, $1.00; Piny Green, $2.00; Pleasant Union, $5.00; Spring Branch, $5,00; Salem, $5.00; Royal's Chapel, 65; Elizabeth, $4.00; Union Grove, $2.50; White Oak, $4.00; Trinity, 50; D. H. Jackson, $1.00; Brown's, $1.00; Canaan, $2.00; Rowan, $1.00; H. J. Duncan, $1.00. Report is adopted.

Association adjourns to 1½ o'clock P. M. for the Missionary Sermon to be preached. Benediction by W. R. Johnson.

The Missionary Sermon is preached by Dlder W. M. Page, from a part of the 11th verse of the 13th chapter of Romans. A collection is taken up for Associational Missions, amounting to $10.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1½ o'clock P. M. Association convenes according to appointment, and is called to order by the Moderator. Brethren D. J. Davis, W. E. Starling, J. B. Jackson, W. H. Pope, R. L. Lewis and Samson Weeks are excused for the balance of the session.

J. B. Downing, for the committee to nominate corresponding messengers, submits a report recommending the following :

To CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION—Elder W. R. Johnson and Anguish Bain.
To LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION—Elders I. T. Newton and S. C. Page.
To RALEIGH ASSOCIATION—R. A. Dranghon, Elder W. M. Page.
To EASTERN ASSOCIATION—Elders H. J. Duncan, J. O. Tew and Bro. I. Royal.
To ROBESON ASSOCIATION—J. L. Autry, F. H. Howard.

Resolved, That any brother attending any of the bodies with which we correspond, shall be considered a corresponding messenger.

Report adopted.

Bro. Isham Royal submits the following

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We are often asked if the results of our missionary labors are commensurate with the funds expended and the work done. The only answer we can make to such questions is: We are commanded to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. It is our duty and privilege to work for the salvation of sinners, aud we are carrying the gospel to those wbo are sending up their cries for help, and we have the promise ; it is the power of God unto salvation. This is enough ; we have the Divine injunction and the promise.

During the past year we have occupied the field of Greenwood and aided the churches at Maple Grove, Trinity and Royal's Chapel. We consider all these places of great importance, and we feel that we are sowing the seeds that will bring farth some thirty, some sixty and some one hundred-fold.

Results—Bro. W. M. Page reports regular visits and large and attentive congregations at Trinity, and the interest increasing. Bro. J. O. Tew is laboring very faithfully at Maple Grove, and feels hopeful of final results. He reports that the brethren have the lumber sawed for a house of worship, snd one hundred and five dollars subscribed with a promise of more. Bro. W. R. Johnson reports good congregations at Greenwood, nine baptized, others expected, and some accessions by letter, and the brethren making arrangements to build a house of worship. Bro. I. T. Newton sends in good reports from Royal's Chapel. At the close of a meeting of nine days four were baptized. We ask the Association to consider whether it is better for the Board to continue under the present plan of operations, employ a general missionary, or to turn over the whole work to the State Board. Respectfully submitted.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Chairman*.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by Elders W. R. Johnson. W. M. Page, J. O. Tew, I. T. Newton, W. B. Pope and Allen Betts. The brethren come forward and lay $6.35 on the table to help build a house of worship for Greenwood Church. The report is then anopted.

The Executive Board is directed to continue the present plan of operations.

Bro. J. B. Downing submits the following

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

K. Vann, *in account with the South River Association.*

1886.		Dr.		
Oct.	19.	To balance on hand for 1885		$ 70 96
		" State Missions		10 15
		" Foreign Missions		32 86
		" Building Committee		3 50
		" Minute Fund		32 12
		" Associational Missions		46 80
		" balance on hand 1886		24 97
		" Foreign Missions from Spring Branch Church		3 70
		Total		$225 06
1885.		Cr.		
Oct.	23.	By cash to J. B. Downing, Minute Fund	$32 12	
	28.	" " to F. H. Briggs, State and For. Missions	43 01	
	23.	" " to A. F. Johnson, premium on check	25	
Nov.	27.	" " to W. Royal, Building Committee	3 50	
1886.				
Oct.	19.	" " to H, L. Hall	3 70	
	20.	" " to R. Highsmith, Treasurer Ex. Board	20 00	
		Total		$102 50
		Leaving balance on hand		$122 48

K. Vann, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

J. B. Downing,
R. M. Crumpler,
Auditing Committee.

Elder L. M. Curtis submits the following.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This is a subject that demands the earnest and prayerful attention of every citizen, guardian, parent, and christian, much more than passing notice on paper; therefore we believe it is the imperative duty of every one, and especially parents and guardians, to educate those dependent upon them.

We would recommend for our boys Wake Forest College and Warsaw High School in our sister Association, and for our girls Murfreesboro and Thomasville Female Colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Curtis,
J. O. Tew,
J. A. Dawson,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by Elder W, B. Pope. Report is adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that Elder W. B. Pope will preach at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Association adjourns to 9½ o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer, Elder Allen Betts leading. Benediction by Elder W. M. Page.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, October 21st, 1886.

Association meets according to adjournment, and is called to order by the Moderator, who reads the 22d chapter of Revelation. "When I can read my title clear" is sung. Prayer is offered by Elder H. J. Duncan.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Invitation is extended to visiting brethren.

Bro. Robt. Highsmith reads the following

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ROBT. HIGHSMITH, TREASURER,

DEBIT TO AMOUNTS RECEIVED:

Antioch	$ 10 94
Concord	2 05
Lilly's Grove	------
Macedonia	72
Magnolia	2 05
Greenwood	8 93
Oliver's Grove	------
Trinity	4 00
Baptist Chapel	5 03
Brown's	3 80
Canaan	5 70
Ebenezer	7 73
Hermon	2 00
Hickory Grove	1 60
Lebanon	------
Long Branch	3 05
Maple Grove	1 50
Mill Creek	86
Mt. Elam	4 15
Piny Green	3 78
Pleasant Union	2 75
Rowan	------
Salem	11 10
Spring Branch	11 71
Union Grove	4 20
White Oak	4 85
J. A. Beaman, former Treasurer	3 07
D. W. Tew	1 00
K. Vann, Treasurer South River Association	20 00
Balance on hand last report, 1885	73 79
Collection at Brown's	2 34
" " Salem	4 56
" " Maple Grove	4 44
" " Magnolia	4 94
W. M. Page	34
	$216 98

CREDIT BY AMOUNTS PAID:

Rev. J. O. Tew, Missionary at Maple Grove	$ 42 50	
Rev. W. R. Johnson, Missionary at Greenwood	70 00	
Rev, W. M. Page, Missionary at Trinity	39 50	
J. B. Downing, publishing minutes	1 10	
Rev. I. T. Newton, for services at Royal's Chapel	12 50	
Rev. S. C. Page, for services at Greenwood	7 00	
		$172 60
Dr. to Balance		$44 38

R. HIGHSMITH, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

J. B. DOWNING,
R. M. CRUMPLER,
Auditing Committee.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools made the special order for 11 o'clock A. M. to-day.

The Executive Board is ordered to pay to J. O. Tew $4 25 for services at Maple Grove.

The resolution offered by Bro. J. B. Downing, proposing to change the 3rd Article of the Constitution, is called up and fails to pass.

The resolution referring to the 13th Article of the Constitution is read and adopted by a two-third vote.

The special order having arrived, Elder S. C. Page reads the following

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Dear brethren, it is with gratitude to God that your Committee on Sabbath Schools is able to report that during the past year our Sabbath School Board has had remarkable success through the blessings of the Saviour in the prosecution of this department of our Master's work. There is a revival of Sabbath school work all over the bounds of our Association. Brethren, let us go forward in this great work until all the children in our bounds are brought together on the Sabbath day for the study of God's Word.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. JOHNSON,
S. C. PAGE,
H. L. HALL,
Committee.

Pending the motion to adopt, the report is discussed by Elders I. T. Newton and W. M. Page, Bros. J. B. Downing and R. Highsmith, Elder J. A. Campbell, Bros. J. L. Autry, Thos. W. Britt, R. M. Crumpler and Elder W. H. Howard. Report is adopted.

Elder H. J. Duncan reads the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Dear brethren, death is common among us. Since our last Association fourteen of our number have been called to their reward. Among them is Sister Lula Strickland, of Antioch Church. Sister Strickland was a devoted friend of Sabbath schools, and expressed her regret that she was kept away by affliction which she suffered but bore with Christian fortitude, and died rejoicing in Christ, in whom she believed. We also mention the death of Sister Mary Cooper, who was a member of Salem Church for thirty-two years. She acted her part well as a christian, but she has bid adieu to the world to live with Jesus. We would mention others who have been called away, but do not know their names. Our hearts are in deep sympathy with those who have been deprived of their friends by death ; and as we weep with those who sorrow, it is not as those who have no hope. Let us all prepare for death, for the Son of Man cometh when ye think not. Therefore be ye also ready.

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. DUNCAN,
D. W. TEW,
A. J. COOPER,
Committee.

Report is adopted.

The Association adjourns to 1½ o'clock P. M. Benediction by Elder I. T. Newton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convenes according to adjournment, and is called to order by the Moderator.

Committee to nominate Sabbath School Board reports, recommending the following brethren: H. L. Hall, J. B. Bryant, Thos. E. Howard, R. M. Crumpler, R. Highsmith, W. Royal and Frank Lewis. Report is adopted.

Bro. R. M. Crumpler moved that the Association direct the Sabbath School Board to divide the churches into two districts, which was, on motion, referred to the Sabbath School Board.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters presents the following

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Brown's is in a prosperous condition; have been greatly revived. Have a good Sunday school. J. L. STEWART, Pastor.
Mt. Elam, nothing special; have a good Sabbath school with 7 teachers. R. FISHER, Pastor.
White Oak, nothing special; good Sabbath school. W. M. KENNEDY, Pastor.
Mill Creek, nothing special, with Sunday school. C. BEARD, Pastor.
Maple Grove, no Sabbath school. J. O. TEW, Pastor.
Ebenezer, good Sabbath school. L. M. CURTIS, Pastor.
Pleasant Union, greatly revived; no Sunday school. W. R. JOHNSON, Pastor.
Trinity, no Sunday school. W. M. PAGE, Pastor.
Spring Branch, good revival; good Sunday school. I. T. NEWTON, Pastor.
Salem, greatly revived; evergreen Sunday school. A. B. ALDERMAN, Pastor.
Hermon, nothing special; good Sabbath school. J. L. BRITT, Pastor.
Concord in a healthy condition; good revival, with good Sabbath school. D. S. BULLARD, Pastor.
Union Grove, nothing special; have a Sunday school. W. M. PAGE, Pastor.
Rowan, greatly revived; good Sunday school. W. H. HOWARD, Pastor.
Macedonia, good revival; evergreen Sunday school. C. E. BEARD, Pastor.
Greenwood, greatly revived; have no Sunday school. W. R. JOHNSON, Pastor.
Magnolia, greatly revived; good Sunday school. E. J. EDWARDS, Pastor.
Lilly's Grove, nothing special: no Sabbath school.
Baptist Chapel, some revived; good Sunday school. A. B. ALDERMAN, Pastor.
Hickory Grove, greatly revived; have a Sunday school. J. O. TEW, Pastor.
Antioch, greatly revived; good Sunday school. W. M. PAGE, Pastor.
Long Branch had good revival; good Sunday school. A. B. ALDERMAN, Pastor.
Piny Green, greatly revived; good Sabbath school. J. O. TEW, Pastor.
Royal's Chapel, greatly revived; good Sabbath school. I. T. NEWTON, Pastor.
Elizabeth, greatly revived; good Sunday school. J. O. TEW, Pastor.
Canaan, nothing special; no Sunday school. H. J. DUNCAN, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HOWARD.
THOS. W. BRITT,
Committee.

The report is adopted.
H. L. Hall reads the following

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Sunday School Board has held two conventions during the past year, and we are thankful to God for the success which has been achieved in this department of christian labor. No more pleasing results have ever greeted us than we have to record now. An earnest enthusiasm and hearty zeal have characterized the laborers and their efforts, and the hand of our "bountiful Father" has again shown His willingness to add His blessings. We are sorry that every Baptist in this Association is not fully engaged in this great work. God is always pleased to honor His Word, whether proclaimed from the pulpit or by the weak, faltering lay preacher, who gathers a class around him on Sunday morning and lays before them the good news of salvation, the story of Jesus' love. HAYNES L. HALL, *Chairman.*

Report is adopted.

The Finance Committee submits their report, which is read and adopted. (See Report.)

The committee is directed to pay over the money to the various objects for which it was contributed.

The Trustees for Oliver's Grove Church submit the following report, which is read and adopted :

Oct. 19, 1886.	Received from all sources	$120 90
" 19, 1886.	Paid to E. Creech for lumber	120 58
	Leaving balance on hand	32

A. B. ALDERMAN,
WHITNEY ROYAL,
ROBT. A. DRAUGHON,
Trustees.

Elder A. B. Alderman sent in his resignation as one of the Trustees of Oliver's Grove Church, which is accepted and H. L. Hall is appointed to fill his place as Trustee.

Elder I. T. Newton reads the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that it is the duty of christians to be temperate in all things, and especially to abstain from all intoxioating beverages. There are various efforts being made to promote the cause of temperance throughout the land, which are to some extent successful. But we believe the best method in favor of temperance is to preach and practice the principles of true and vital religion. The power of Divine grace in the heart works to the subduing of evil desires of the flesh. Every christian, therefore, should exercise the principles of grace which have been given to him. Then he will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. If this be done, certainly the intoxicating cup will be removed far away from christians, and their influence will be to lift up the drunkard and make him an humble follower of Jesus Christ. Respectfully submitted,

I. T. NEWTON,
WILEY M. PAGE,
J. R. HALL,
Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, the report is discussed by Elder H. J. Duncan, J. L. Autry and Elder W. B. Pope. Report is adopted.

Elder I. T. Newton submits the following resolution, which is read and adopted :

Resolved, That we do urge our churches to take into consideration our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, and send up a contribution for that charity as soon as possible.

Ordered, that the Clerk have $10 for his services, and that he expend the balance of the minute fund for printing the minutes.

The church letter from Lebanon is taken from the table, and the church is granted a letter of dismission to join the Eastern Association.

J. A. Beaman submits the following resolution, which is read and adopted by unanimous vote :

Resolved, That we, the delegates and visitors, tender our thanks to the church and neighborhood for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

The Association adjourns to meet at Canaan Church, Sampson County, N. C., on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1887.

The closing exercises are conducted by Elder W. B. Pope. "Blest be the tie that binds" is sung. While the hymn is being sung the brethren take an affectionate leave of each other. Prayer, W. B. Pope leading.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Moderator.*

ROBERT A. DRAUGHON, *Clerk.*

FOR NEXT SESSION.

PLACE OF MEETING—Canaan Church, Sampson County, N. C.
TIME—Wednesday before fourth Sunday in October, 1887.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Elder I. T. Newton; Alternate, Elder S. C. Page.
MISSIONARY SERMON—Elder J. O. Tew; Alternate, Elder W. M. Page.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.
Antioch	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	I. Strickland, Kyle's Landing.
Baptist Chapel	A. B. Alderman, Hawley's St.,	S. B. Page, Hawley's Store.
Brown's	J. L. Stewart, Clinton,	J. H. McCullen, Clinton.
Canaan	H. J. Duncan, Clinton,	J. R. Elmore, Newton Grove.
Concord	D. S. Bullard Clay Fork,	J. B. Jackson, Shepherds.
Elizabeth	J. O. Tew, Clinton,	W. J. Watson, Clinton.
Ebenezer	L. M. Curtis, Ingold,	R. Highsmith, Coharie.
Greenwood	W. R. Johnson, Buckhorn,	J. M. Jones, Lucknow.
Hermon	J. L. Britt, Warsaw,	H. H. Britt, Clinton.
Hickory Grove	J. O. Tew, Clinton,	J. A. Beaman, Beaman's X R's.
Long Branch	A. B. Alderman, Hawley's St.,	H. I. Hall, Dismal.
Lebanon		
Magnolia	E. J. Edwards, Cedar Creek,	M. J. Averitt, Blocker's.
Mt. Elam	R. Fisher, Buckhorn,	B. Warren, Bass.
Mill Creek	W. S. Melvin, White Oak,	H. Sessoms, Owenville.
Maple Grove	J. O. Tew, Clinton.	Jas. Denning, McKoy.
Oliver's Grove		
Lilly's Grove		W. R. Haywood, Fayetteville.
Piny Grove	I. T. Newton, Giles' Mills,	Amma Royal, Huntly.
Pleasant Union	W. R. Johnson, Buckhorn,	I. McKenzie, Smokeville.
Rowan	W. H. Howard, Clinton,	J. J. Malpass, Clinton.
Salem	A. B. Alderman, Hawley's St.,	J. C. Howard, Huntly.
Spring Branch	I. T. Newton, Giles' Mills,	N. A. Layton, Giles' Mills.
Royal's Chapel	I. T. Newton, Giles' Mills,	W. Royal, Clinton.
Trinity	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	Harry Johnson, Rome.
Union Grove	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store,	Charley Williams, Dismal.
Macedonia	C. E. Beard, White Oak,	W. E. Starling, Buckhorn.
White Oak	W. M. Kennedy, Warsaw,	J. R. Butler, Clinton.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	State Missions.	Home and Indian Missinns.	For Building Church at Oliver's Grove.
1. Antioch	$ 2 00	$ ----	$ 6 60	----	$ 1 40	$-----	$-----
2. Concord	1 70	2 50	------	----	------	------	------
3. Lilly's Grove	1 00	2 00	2 35	----	------	------	------
4. Macedonia	1 50	------	2 00	----	------	------	2 00
5. Magnolia	1 00	1 63	2 45	----	------	------	------
6. Oliver's Grove	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
7. Greenwood	1 51	3 00	1 00	----	------	------	------
8. Trinity	65	------	------	----	------	------	------
9. Baptist Chapel	1 55	------	2 98	----	5 23	------	------
10. Brown's	1 50	3 76	------	----	------	------	------
11. Canaan	1 00	2 00	1 00	----	2 00	------	------
12. Ebenezer	1 03	4 52	5 00	----	------	------	------
13. Hermon	1 00	1 26	25	----	------	------	1 00
14. Hickory Grove	1 25	------	2 50	----	1 60	------	------
15. Lebanon	------	------	------	----	------	------	------
16. Long Branch	1 00	50	4 60	----	------	------	------
17. Maple Grove	50	65	1 00	----	50	------	------
18. Mill Creek	1 00	------	1 60	----	2 50	------	------
19. Mt. Elam	2 00	1 00	------	----	------	------	1 05
20. Piny Green	2 00	2 00	50	----	1 04	------	------
21. Pleasant Union	1 50	1 60	60	----	1 15	50	------
22. Rowan	1 00	------	------	----	------	1 00	------
23. Salem	2 60	1 25	10 00	----	2 00	------	------
24. Spring Branch	2 50	4 25	6 57	----	6 03	------	------
25. Union Grove	85	------	4 00	----	3 00	------	------
26. White Oak	1 50	2 00	2 85	----	2 35	------	------
27. Royal's Chapel	60	------	------	----	------	------	------
28. Elizabeth	1 60	3 00	3 00	----	3 00	------	------
D. H. Jackson	------	------	1 00	----	1 00	------	------
H. J. Duncan	------	------	50	----	------	------	------
Total	$35 34	$36 92	$62 35	$---	$31 88	$1 50	$ 4 05

H. L. HALL,
R. A. DRAUGHON,
Finance Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	No. Teachers and officers.	No. Pupils.	Total.	No. Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	No Converts in School.	SUPERINTENDENTS.
Antioch,	6	60	66	74	----	----	H. L. Hall.
Concord,	3	50	53	----	40	----	D. K. Hall.
Lilly's Grove,	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Macedonia,	3	50	53	----	----	----	David Strickland.
Magnolia,	4	46	51	----	----	----	J. B. Bryant.
Oliver's Grove,	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Greenwood.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Trinity,	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Baptist Chapel,	4	112	116	----	70	----	Wm. C. Jackson.
Brown's,	8	61	69	----	40	----	J. W. Bell.
Canaan,	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Ebenezer,	4	32	36	----	28	----	R. Highsmith.
Hermon,	5	31	36	----	25	----	Giles Clute.
Hickory Grove,	----	----	----	----	----	----	J. A. Beaman.
Lebanon,	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Long Branch,	4	74	78	----	58	----	H. I. Hall.
Maple Grove,	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Mill Creek,	4	42	46	----	35	----	W. S. Howard.
Mt. Elam,	4	75	79	2723	60	----	B. Warren.
Piny Green,	5	76	79	----	----	----	Amma Royal.
Pleasant Union,	4	75	79	----	40	----	F. H. Howard.
Rowan,	2	40	42	----	40	----	Thos. Bell.
Salem,	6	118	124	100	----	----	W. A. Butler.
Spring Branch,	4	102	106	----	75	----	O. D. Strickland.
Union Grove,	5	36	41	----	25	----	J. T. Williams.
White Oak,	7	105	112	----	75	----	R. M. Crumpler.
Royal's Chapel,	3	40	43	----	20	----	D. W. Tew.
Elizabeth,	5	59	64	----	40	----	J. C. Howard.
	88	1284	1368	2897	671		

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Rxcluded.	Died.	No. White Males.	No. White Females.	Colored.	Total.	Time of Meeting.
Antioch	22	1	4	3	2	1	65	88	--	153	3rd Sunday.
Concord	24	2	10	4	3	3	74	119	--	193	1st Sunday.
Lilly's Grove	----	----	--	4	--	--	21	22	--	43	3rd Sunday.
Macedonia	20	----	5	3	2	..	34	39	--	73	--------------
Magnolia	13	4	3	----	2	2	37	59	--	96	3rd Sunday.
Oliver's Grove	----	----	--	----	--	--	--	-----	..	24	4th Sunday.
Greenwood	8	4	--	----	--	--	10	14	--	24	4th Sunday.
Trinity	----	----	--	---	--	--	4	5	--	9	4th Sunday.
Baptist Chapel	2	----	--	11	--	--	92	120	--	212	2nd Sunday.
Brown's	24	1	2	5	1	--	53	109	-	162	1st Sunday.
Canaan	----	1	--	1	--	--	14	26	--	40	--------------
Ebenezer	1	2	--	6	5	--	28	28	--	56	--------------
Hermon	----	----	--	----	1	1	21	30	..	51	2nd Sunday.
Hickory Grove	33	----	--	----	--	1	32	35	--	67	3rd Sunday.
Lebanon	----	----	--	----	--	--	----	-----	--	-----	--------------
Long Branch	13	----	2	1	--	1	51	66	--	117	3rd Sunday.
Maple Grove	---	----	1	----	--	--	4	8	--	12	--------------
Mill Creek	2	---	2	----	--	--	18	19	--	37	3rd Sunday.
Mt. Elam	10	2	2	----	--	--	43	51	—	94	3rd Sunday.
Piny Green	24	----	6	9	3	--	44	105	--	149	--------------
Pleasant Union	8	1	1	----	4	1	50	65	--	115	--------------
Rowan	19	2	3	2	--	--	38	70	--	108	--------------
Salem	19	1	1	3	--	2	72	114	--	186	--------------
Spring Branch	37	1	1	2	1	2	101	164	--	265	1st Sunday.
Union Grove	----	6	--	2	--	--	20	21	--	41	1st Sunday.
White Oak	4	3	3	13	5	--	21	61	--	82	--------------
Royal's Chapel	4	2	--	----	--	--	4	9	--	13	--------------
Elizabeth	14	4		----	--	--	20	17	--	37	--------------
Totals	301	37	46	69	29	14	971	1,464	--	2,456	

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTLICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annnal session, superintend their printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected dnring the sessions of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART, 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem*. shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsiderorion.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

CANAAN CHURCH, SAMPSON CO., N. C.,

October 19th, 20th and 21st, 1887.

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PROCEEDINGS.

CANAAN, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C., October 19th, 1887.

The South River Baptist Association convenes in its eleventh annual session with the church at Canaan, Sampson county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon is preached by Elder I. T. Newton, from Luke 17:9, "And the apostles said unto the Lord, increase our faith."

After an intermission of three-fourths of an hour, the Association is called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Isham Royall.

Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder Wm. R. Johnson, who reads the 17th chapter of St. John. Hymn: "And must I part with all I have," is sung. Prayer is offered by Elder C. Durham.

List of churches is called and a majority are found to be represented.

Elders I. T. Newton and D. W. Tew are appointed Reading Clerks, and brethren John B. Downing and Thos. W. Britt are appointed a Committee of Finance.

Letters from churches are read and delegates enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Antioch—H. L. Hall, Elder S. C. Page, W. A. Baggett.
Concord—Elder Wm. R. Johnson, J. B. Downing.
Lilly's Grove—S. F. Breece.
Macedonia—By letter.
Magnolia—By letter.

HARNETT COUNTY.

Greenwood—Not represented.

JOHNSTON COUNTY.

Oliver's Grove—Haywood Johnson.
Trinity—Joel A. Hudson.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Baptist Chapel—Robert A. Draughon, David B. Jackson, Elijah A. Tew.
Brown's—Elder H. J. Duncan, W. H. Hair, J. H. McCullen.
Canaan—Thos. E. Howard, S. A. Reaves.
Ebenezer—Robert Highsmith, Wellington Tatum.
Elizabeth—Loften McLemore, *Bluman Fairclorh, *J. C. Howard.
Hermon—W. G. McCullen, Thos. W. Britt.
Hickory Grove—Frank Hall.
Long Branch—Sion Horn.
Maple Grove—R. S. Westbrook.
Mill Creek—Not represented
Mt. Elam—D. M. Warren, *Handy I. Jackson.
Piny Green—Not represented.
Pleasant Union—Not represented.
Rowan—Stephen Boon, Walter Boon.
Royal's Chapel—*W. Royal, *Elder D. W. Tew, *Arthur Vann.
Spring Branch—Elder I. T. Newton, Ollen D. Strickland.
Salem—Isham Royal, A. J. Cooper.
Union Grove—J. T. Williams.
White Oak—*A. C. Crumpler, *Robert N. Butler.

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*Absent without leave of the Association.

The letters from Salem and Ebenezer are laid on the table. Salem petitions for the next session of the Association. Ebenezer petitions for a letter of dismission, to join the Eastern Association.

The Association proceeds to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following tellers are appointed: For Moderator, H. J. Duncan, H. L. Hall; for Clerk, J. O. Tew, Whitney Royal; for Treasurer, Robt. N. Butler, Thos. E. Howard. Result—Bro. Isham Royal is re-elected Moderator; Robert A. Draughon is re-elected Clerk, and Haynes L. Hall is re-elected Treasurer.

Invitation is extended to visitors. The following brethren accepts the invitation: Elder C. S. Farriss, editor *Biblical Recorder;* and Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

Elder H. J. Duncan and the officers of Canaan church are appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

The following committees are appointed:

On Periodicals—C. S. Farris, W. H. Howard, R. Highsmith.

On State Missions—C. Durham, J. O. Tew, J. M. Johnson.

On Foreign Missions—I. T. Newton, J. B. Downing, S. A. Reaves.

To Nominate Executive Board—H. J. Duncan, W. Royal, D. W. Tew.

On Education—W. M. Page, H. L. Hall, W. R. Johnson.

On Sabbath Schools—S. C. Page, R. N. Butler, T. E. Howard.

On Temperance—T. W. Britt, R. S. Westbrook, J. A. Taylor.

On Obituaries—A. C. Crumpler, R. Highsmith, J. T. Williams.

To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—I. T. Newton, W. Royal, Frank Hall.

Auditing Committee—J. B. Downing, W. R. Johnson.

To Nominate Sabbath School Board—R. S. Westbrook, W. H. Hair, S. C. Page.

To Nominate Corresponding Messengers—A. J. Cooper, W. H. Howard, Haywood Johnson.

On Baptist Orphanage—I. T. Newton, Robert A. Draughon, Wiley M. Page.

The following order of business is adopted:

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

The selection of the place of the next session is made the special order for 2 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

Rowan petitions for the next session of the Association.

Committee on Religious Exercises report that prayer meeting will be conducted by Elder D. W. Tew at 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer, C. S. Farriss leading. Benediction by H. J. Duncan.

Adjourn to 9½ o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY

THURSDAY, October 20th, 1887.

The Association meets agreeable to adjournment. The Moderator in the chair.

Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder D. W. Tew, who reads the 19th chapter of St. John. Hymn, "Behold the Saviour of mankind," is sung. Prayer is offered by D. W. Tew.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

List of churches not represented on yesterday is called and delegates are enrolled.

A communication from Elder A. G. McManaway, Vice-President of the Home Mission Board for North Carolina, is read, and the following representatives of the Home Mission Board are appointed for their respective churches:

Antioch—H. L. Hall, Godwin, N. C.
Concord—Enoch Hall, Robin Hill, N. C.
Lilly's Grove—Millard Underwood, Fayetteville, N. C.
Magnolia—J. B. Bryant, Blockers, N. C.
Greenwood—W. H. Pope, Dunn, N. C.
Trinity—Mrs. J. M. Johnson, McKoy, N. C.
Baptist Chapel—Miss Mary M. Jackson, Hawley's Store, N. C.
Brown's—Miss Annie Duncan, Clinton, N. C.
Canaan—Thos. E. Howard, Newton Grove, N. C.
Ebenezer—Robt. Highsmith, Coharie, N. C.
Hermon—J. E. Britt, Clinton, N. C.
Hickory Grove—Miss Lula M. Beaman, Beaman's X Roads, N. C.
Long Branch—H. J. Hall, Dismal, N. C.
Maple Grove—R. S. Westbrook, McKoy, N. C.
Mill Creek—Miss Hettie Howard, Hayne, N. C
Mt. Elam—D. H. Jackson, Hawley's Store, N. C.
Piny Grove—Amma Royal, Huntley, N. C.
Pleasant Union—Mrs. F. H. Howard, Hayne, N. C.
Rowan—Stephen Boon, Clinton, N. C.
Salem—Mrs. Isabell Howard, Huntley, N. C.
Spring Branch—Miss Susan J. Pope, Godwin, N. C.
Union Grove—J. T. Williams, Dismal, N. C.
White Oak—Miss Mary C. Herring, Clinton, N. C.
Elizabeth—Miss Fannie J. Watson, Clinton, N. C.
Macedonia—A. F. Jones, Buckhorn, N. C.
Oliver's Grove—Haywood Johnson, Beasley Hill N. C.
Royal's Chapel—Miss Susan C. Vann, Beaman's X Roads, N. C.

Invitation is extended to visitors. Elder G. S. Best, of the Eastern Association, reports himself as a visitor, who, as pastor, on behalf of this church, extends a hearty welcome to the Association in a short but feeling speech. The Moderator responds.

Bro. C. Durham reads the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions, of the Baptist State Convention, has had during this year eighty-one brethren engaged in preaching the Gospel to the destitute sections of our State. Seventeen of these are preaching in the towns and sixty-four in the country. These towns and country places extend from the mountains to the sea. Hundreds of churches have been, under God, brought into existence through the work of this Board. These self-sacrificing men have done faithfully their work, and God's blessings have been abundantly given. They now greatly need the small amounts promised them by the Board. We urge, therefore, that all come up to the help of this work.

C. DURHAM, Chairman,
J. O. TEW,
J. M. JOHNSON,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by Elder C. Durham.

List of churches is called and the following pledges are made for State Missions: Antioch, $5.00; Greenwood, $5.00; Oliver's Grove, $1.00; Trinity, $1.00; Baptist Chapel, $5.00; Brown's, $5.00; Canaan, $2.00; Ebenezer, $2.00; Hermon, $1.50; Hickory Grove, $1.50; Maple Grove, 50c.; Mt. Elam, $1.00; Piny Green, $2.00; Union Grove, $3.00; Rowan, $1 00; Salem, $5.00; Spring

Branch, $5.00; Pleasant Union, $5.00; White Oak, $3.00; Royal's Chapel, $1.00; Elizabeth, $2.00; J. B. Downing, $1.00. Total, $63.50.

A collection is taken for State Missions, amounting to $5.25. Report is adopted.

Elder C. S. Farriss reads the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is the age of the printing press. In the fulfillment of the command, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature," God has given christians a great accessory in religious books and newspapers That denomination of christians that does not take advantage of the opportunities offered it in disseminating the Gospel by this means is in its own light. Especially is there need of religious newspapers to counteract the evil influence of the cheap, corrupting literature of the day. Every Baptist should have in his home his denominational organ, and every North Carolina Baptist should take the *Biblical Recorder*, which, for more than half a century, has been in our homes and upheld Baptist interests in the State. At no time in its history has it been more popular than now, nor more capable of doing good work for the cause of the Master. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* and the *Kind Words* publications.

C. S. FARRISS,
W. H. HOWARD,
ROBT. HIGHSMITH,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by Elders C. S. Farriss, W. R. Johnson and G. S. Best. Report is adopted.

Brethren J. A. Beaman and D. M. Warren are granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Adjourns one hour for dinner and for the preaching of the Missionary Sermon. Elder John O. Tew preaches the Missionary Sermon from 1st book of Kings, 19:13. A collection is taken for Associational Missions, amounting to $4.00.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association meets agreeable to adjournment, and is called to order by the Moderator.

List of churches not represented at morning session is called and delegates enrolled.

The special order having arrived, it being the location of the next session of the Association, Salem and Rowan are placed in nomination. Rowan is chosen as the place.

H. J. Duncan, for the Committee to Nominate Executive Board, reports, recommending the following brethren as the Executive Board: Isham Royal, Sr., J. B. Downing, H. L. Hall, Jas. M. Johnson, Ollen D. Strickland, Robt. N. Butler, Whitney Royal. Report is adopted.

J. A. Beaman submits the following

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In the absence of the Chairman, I feel it my duty to submit the report of the Executive Board. The inquiry is often made, "What is our Executive Board doing?" In reply I would say that we have four missionaries in the field, and we are supplying five regular stations. At some of these points the brethren send in very favorable reports. During the past year we have aided the churches at Greenwood, Oliver's Grove, Maple Grove, Royal's Chapel and Trinity Elders W. M. Page reports regular visits to Trinity, with increasing and attentive congregations. He had the labor of Elder I. T. Newton in a meeting of days, which resulted in the addition of ten by baptism. Elder I. T. Newton sends favorable reports from Royal's Chapel. He held a meeting of days, church greatly revived, with some additions. We hope the church will soon be self-sustaining. At Greenwood we have had the labors of

Elder W. R. Johnson, whose efforts have been crowned with much success. He was aided by Elders I. T. Newton and E. J. Edwards in a meeting of days. Some additions. It bids fair to become a strong church. The members and friends at that place have contributed very liberally towards building a house of worship. The churches at Oliver's Grove and Maple Grove have had the labors of Elders H. McAlpine and H. J. Duncan. Both these points have some lumber for building, and probably one house is let out, as the Building Committee will show more plainly. We consider these places very important, and should be supplied, as the missionaries report large and attentive congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAMAN, *Clerk Executive Board.*

On motion to adopt, addresses are made by Elders W. M. Page, H. J. Duncan, W. R. Johnson, W. H. Howard and G. S. Best. Report is adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report that Elder W. M. Page will preach at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Adjourns to 9½ o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer, G. S. Best leading. Benediction by W. M. Page.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, October 21st, 1887.

The Association meets according to adjournment, and is called to order by the Moderator, who reads the 10th chapter of Luke. Hymn, "Oh for a closer walk with God" is sung. Prayer, Robt. Highsmith leading.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

H. J. Duncan, J. B. Downing and A. J. Cooper are appointed a committee to select preachers to preach the stated sermons at the next session of the Association.

List of churches not represented on yesterday is called.

The Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention report, recommending the following named brethren: I. Royal, W. R. Johnson, Robt. Highsmith. Report is adopted.

Bro. Thos. W. Britt submits the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are instructed in the word of God to be temperate in all things, but especially, we think, would the *word* emphasize temperance in intoxicating drinks. While we think there is reformation going on in regard to strong drink, yet it is painful to know that there is yet much intemperance among church members. Brethren, are we doing our duty? If not, then let us pray and work, using every means in our power to drive out this, one of the greatest evils abroad in our land. Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. BRITT,
R. S. WESTBROOK,
JAS. A. TAYLOR,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by Elders I. T. Newton, W. M. Page, W. R. Johnson and J. O. Tew. Bro. Tew reads an article published in the *Biblical Recorder* of October 5th, 1887, written by J. A. Stradley, and heartily endorses his views on the use of intoxicating liquors.

Bro. I. T. Newton reads the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The New Testament, which is the word of our Lord, teaches and commands us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. In that word we learn that in the early days of the church the true followers of Christ went everywhere preaching the glad news of salvation. And from that time until the present each succeeding generation of our Lord's church has borne some part in this grand and glorious work. Therefore, as the Foreign Mission fields are swiftly opening for the light of the gospel, our membership greatly increasing, and the Lord abundantly blessing us with means, a great responsibility rests upon us, and our imperative duty and exalted privilege is to bear the glad news of salvation to the perishing heathen, that they may be saved from sin and death. And may the time soon come when the world shall be full of the glory of God. Respectfully submitted,

I. T. NEWTON,
J. B. DOWNING,
S. A. REAVES,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by Elders I. T. Newton and W. R. Johnson. Sister Leola Underwood presents mite-box collection for Foreign Missions, amounting to 79 cents. Report is adopted.

Bro. I. T. Newton submits the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The history of God's people and the principles of true religion found in the Bible, teach us that it is our duty and a part of the character of Christians to attend to the support and welfare of orphans. We believe, that for this work, we have in the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville an institution which is sanctioned by our Divine Lord and Master. Therefore let us labor in the interest of this institution and regularly send our contributions for this purpose, that the suffering children of our land may be cared for and we receive the Divine approbation of Him who took little children in his arms and blessed them. Respectfully submitted,

I. T. NEWTON,
ROBT. A. DRAUGHON,
W. M. PAGE,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, the Association is addressed by H. L. Hall. H. J. Duncan, Ollen D. Strickland, W. R. Johnson, I. T. Newton, G. S. Best, A. E. Alderman. Elder G. S. Best takes a collection for the Baptist Orphanage, amounting to $5.60. Report is adopted.

Bro. I. T. Newton is excused for the remainder of the session.

Adjourns three-fourths of an hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association meets agreeable to adjournment. The Moderator in the chair.

A. J. Cooper, for the Committee to nominate corresponding messengers, submits a report, recommending the following:

To Cedar Creek Association—W. R. Johnson, John B. Downing.
To Little River Association—I. T. Newton. W. M. Page.
To Raleigh Association—J. O. Tew, S. C. Page.
To Eastern Association—W. H. Howard, J. T. Chesnutt.
To Atlantic Association—W. H. Howard, H. J. Duncan.

The report is adopted.

The Committee to nominate Sabbath School Board reports, recommending the following brethren: H. L. Hall, Jas. M. Johnson, Thos. E. Howard, R. M. Crumpler, J. B. Bryant, D. H. Jackson, A. F. Howard. Adopted.

J. T. Williams reads the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are again reminded by the reports that come up from the churches that death is still abroad in the land, twenty-six of our number having passed away since our last Association. Among them, we mention brethren Dixon Cooper, an old and faithful soldier of the cross; John N. Cooper, a devoted and promising young man, and deacon Redin Butler; also brother W. K. Hair, who was a faithful worker, possessing many noble qualities. We would mention others, but do not know their names. While our hearts are in sympathy with those who have been deprived of their friends by death, let us strive to be ready, "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WILLIAMS,
R. HIGHSMITH,
A. C. CRUMPLER,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks are made by the Moderator. Report is adopted.

J. B. Downing reads the report of the Committee on Finance, which is adopted. (See report).

J. B. Downing, for the Committee to select preachers to preach the stated sermons at the next session of the Association, reports, recommending the following:

To Preach the Introductory Sermon.—W. R. Johnson.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—W. M. Page.

Report is adopted.

H. L. Hall reads the following

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Sunday School Board has held two conventions the past year, one with the church at Salem, the other with the church at Baptist Chapel. A large number of representatives were present from the various Sunday schools. Interesting and able discourses were had upon quite a number of topics relating to our Sunday school work, and we trust that all have been profited by their attendance upon these meetings. Much interest was added by the sweet spiritual music rendered by the Sunday school choirs of Salem, Pleasant Union, Baptist Chapel and Spring Branch. We are grateful to God for the success which has attended our labors the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. HALL, *Chairman.*

Report is adopted.

H. L. Hall submits the following

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—While your committee are able to report some progress in the Sabbath school work within our bounds, yet there is a broad field for a more extended effort in this department of the Master's service. When we compare the responsibilities of parents to their children, as required by the Lord in Bible-days, with our present rules of action, we can but feel that we are very remiss in the duty of religiously training our children, and to this neglect may be traced, we verily believe, much of the wickedness of our day. Our obligation to our children and to God, with our past success, and present and future possibilities, should actuate us to a more diligent prosecution of this important and faithful work, and not tire until *all* children are taught the simple, yet saving truths of the gospel of our blessed Lord.

Respectfully submittted,

S. C. PAGE,
ROBT. N. BUTLER,
THOS. E. HOWARD,
Committee.

Report is adopted.

H. L. Hall reads the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee notes with sorrow that nothing at all was reported in the letters this year to help the indigent and struggling young preachers at Wake Forest College. These we ought to help. Twenty-five are now being assisted by the Board of Education. Will not the brethren see to it that the South River Association comes into line with the other Associations of the State in Ministerial education. We urge, too, that parents do whatever is in their power to educate their children.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. HALL,
W. M. PAGE,
W. R. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Report is adopted.

The Building Committee submits the following report, which is read and adopted:

Your committee desires to report that they have contracted for the erection of a house of worship at Oliver's Grove, but have no money on hand except the small sum of eighty-two cents. The lumber is paid for and at the place. The committee desires that the Association direct them what to do.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee is instructed to go forward and build the house of worship at Oliver's Grove, and the Association agrees to sustain them. The Building Committe is authorized to borrow money from the Treasurer of the Association to meet any deficiency that may arise in paying for the erection of the said house of worship at Oliver's Grove.

The Finance Committee is instructed to pay over to the Treasurer the funds that they have on hand.

Bro. D. B. Jackson charges Spring Branch church with being in disorder.

Bro. H. L. Hall moves that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter. The following named brethren compose said committee: J. O. Tew, J. B Downing, H. J. Duncan, Robt. N. Butler and Whitney Royal.

Bro. T. W. Britt offers the following resolution, which is read and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and community, for the very hospitable manner in which they have been entertained during the session of this body.

The Clerk is ordered to be paid ten dollars for his services, and expend the balance minute fund for printing and distributing the Minutes.

Bro. H. L. Hall submits the following

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

H. L. HALL, Treasurer, *in account with the South River Association.*

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Oct. 19.	Received from Finance Committie Minute Fund	$ 35 34	
	Total for Minute Fund		$ 35 34
	Received from Finance Committee for church building, Oliver's Grove	4 05	
	Total for Oliver's Grove		4 05
	Received from W. R. Johnson for Greenwood church,	8 53	
	Total for Greenwood		8 53
	Received from K. Vann for Spring Branch church for Foreign Missions	3 70	
	Received from Finance Committee, Foreign Missions,	62 35	
	Received from South River Union, Foreign Missions,	8 76	
	Received from Baptist Chapel church, Foreign Miss.,	1 00	
	Received from Union Grove church, Foreign Missi'ns,	3 55	
	Received from Antioch church, Foreign Missions	5 00	
	Received from Salem church, Foreign Missions	1 70	
	Received from Magnolia church, Foreign Missions	60	
	Received from Pleasant Union church, Foreign Mis.,	70	
	Total for Foreign Missions		87 36
	Amount carried forward		$135 28

Amount brought forward,		$135 28
Received from table collections at Association, State Missions	13 72	
Received from Finance Committe, State Missions	31 88	
Received from Antioch church, State Missions	3 30	
Received from Magnolia church, State Missions	75	
Total for State Missions		49 65
Received from Finance Com., Home and Indian Mis.,	1 50	
Total for Home and Indian Missions		1 50
Received from former Treasurer, Associational Mis.,	122 48	
Received from hat collection, Associational Missions	10 00	
Received from Finance Committee, Associational Mis.,	36 92	
Total for Associational Missions		169 40
Total for all objects		$355 83
CR.		
Paid R. A. Draughon, Minute Fund	35 34	
Total Minute Fund		35 34
Paid W. Royal, for Oliver's Grove	4 05	
Total		4 05
Paid W. R. Johnson for Greenwood	8 53	
Total		8 53
Paid F. H. Briggs for Foreign Missions	87 36	
Total		87 36
Paid J. E. Ray for State Missions	13 72	
Paid F. H. Briggs for State Missions	35 93	
Total		49 65
Paid F. H. Briggs for Home and Indian Missions	1 50	
Total		1 50
Paid Treasurer of Executive Board	120 54	
Total		120 54
1887. Total amount of disbursements		$306 97
Oct. 19. Balance in hands of Treasurer, Associational Mis'ns,		$ 48 86

HAYNES L. HALL, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

J. B. DOWNING,
W. R. JOHNSON,
Auditing Committee.

The report is adopted.

Bro. J. B. Downing reads the following

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

A. J. COOPER, Treasurer, *in account with South River Association.*

DR.

Rec'd from Antioch	$ 7 87	R'c'd from Long Branch	4 05
" " Baptist Chapel	3 96	" " Magnolia	2 92
" " Canaan	50	" " Mill Creek	25
" " Concord	1 25	" " Piny Green	70
" " Greenwood	8 40	" " Sabbath collect'ns	11 50
" " Hickory Grove	1 00	" " J. L. Autry	5 00
" " Mt. Elam	3 75	" " M. M. Sessoms	25
" " Maple Grove	2 50	" " J. B. Downing	25
" " Salem	6 20	" " R. Highsmith former Treasurer	38 00
" " Spring Branch	13 07	" " A collection, etc.	3 77
" " Royal's Chapel	1 25	" " H. L. Hall, Treas. Association	120 43
" " Trinity	25		
" " Union Grove	2 85		
" " Hermon	65		
" " Elizabeth	2 28	Total	$243 50
" " Ebenezer	1 00		

CR.

Paid W. M. Page	59 00
" W. R. Johnson	76 00
" J. O. Tew	17 00
" I. T. Newton	35 50
" Hugh McAlpine	30 00
Paid E. J. Edwards	4 00
Oct. 21, 1887, H. J. Duncan,	22 00
Total	$243 50

A. J. COOPER, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

J. B. DOWNING,
W. R. JOHNSON,
Auditing Committee.

Report is adopted.

The Association adjourns to meet at Rowan, Sampson county, N. C., Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1888.

The closing exercises are conducted by Elder G. S. Best, who makes a very feeling speech. "Blest be the tie that binds" is sung. Prayer is offered by G. S. Best.

ISHAM ROYAL, *Moderator.*

ROBERT A. DRAUGHON, *Clerk.*

FOR NEXT SESSION.

PLACE OF MEETING—Rowan Church, Sampson county, N. C.
TIME—Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1888.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON—W. R. Johnson.
MISSIONARY SERMON—W. M. Page.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.
Antioch	I. T. Newton, Giles' Mill	Isaac Strickland, Godwin.
Baptist Chapel	A. B. Alderman, Hawley's Store	S. B. Page, Hawley's Store.
Brown's	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. H. McCullen, Clinton.
Canaan	G. S. Best, Kenansville	J. A. Rouse, Newton Grove.
Concord	David S. Bullard, Clay Fork	Jas. B. Jackson, Shepherd.
Elizabeth	John O. Tew, Clinton	W. J. Watson, Clinton.
Ebenezer		R. Highsmith, Coharie.
Greenwood	I. T. Newton, Giles' Mills	J. M. Jones, Dunn.
Hermon	J. L. Britt, Warsaw	C. E. Shipp, Clinton.
Hickory Grove	John O. Tew, Clinton	J. A. Beaman, Beaman's X R's.
Long Branch	W. R Johnson, Buckhorn	H. I. Hall, Dismal.
Lilly's Grove	A. R. Pitman, Lumberton	W. R. Haywood, Fayetteville.
Magnolia	E. J. Edwards, Cedar Creek	M. J. Averitt, Blocker's.
Mt. Elam	J. O. Tew, Clinton	B. Warren, Bass.
Mill Creek		Uriah Sessoms, Owenville.
Maple Grove	H. J. Duncan, Clinton	Jas. Denning, Blackman's Mill.
Macedonia	C. E. Beard, Ellis	A. F. Jones, Buckhorn.
Oliver's Grove	H. J. Duncan, Clinton	H. Johnson, Beasley Hill.
Piny Green	I. T. Newton, Giles' Mills	Amma Royal, Huntley.
Pleasant Union	W. R. Johnson, Buckhorn	F. H. Howard, Hayne.
Rowan	W. H. Howard, Clinton	John J. Malpass, Clinton.
Royal's Chapel	I. T. Newton, Giles' Mills	D. W. Tew, Beaman's X R's.
Salem		J. C. Howard, Huntley.
Spring Branch	I. T. Newton, Giles' Mills	N. A. Layton, Giles' Mills.
Trinity	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store	Harry Johnson, Rome.
Union Grove	W. M. Page, Hawley's Store	Charles Williams, Dismal.
White Oak	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	R. M. Crumpler, Clinton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Total.	Average Attendance.	Contributions.	SUPERINTENDENTS.
Antioch	5	62	67	43	----	H. L. Hall, Godwin.
Baptist Chapel	4	91	95	84	----	R. W. Howard, Dismal.
Brown's	----	----	----	----	----	----
Canaan	----	----	----	----	----	----
Concord	6	149	155	100	----	A. S. Hall, Robin Hill.
Elizabeth	6	40	46	25	----	J. C. Howard, Clinton.
Ebenezer	4	31	35	27	----	R. Highsmith, Coharie.
Greenwood	----	----	----	----	----	S. W. Parker, Dunn.
Hermon	5	31	36	25	----	James Shipp, Clinton.
Hickory Grove	3	65	68	----	----	J. A. Beaman, Beaman's X R's.
Lilly's Grove	----	----	----	----	----	----
Long Branch	4	63	67	50	----	H. J. Hall, Dismal.
Macedonia	3	42	45	25	----	A. F. Jones, Buckhorn.
Magnolia	4	34	38	----	----	J. B. Bryant, Blocker's.
Mt. Elam	----	----	----	----	----	D. H. Jackson, Hawley's Store.
Mill Creek	----	----	----	----	----	----
Maple Grove	----	----	----	----	----	----
Piny Green	----	----	----	----	----	----
Oliver's Grove	----	----	----	----	----	----
Pleasant Union	----	----	----	----	----	----
Rowan	2	20	22	----	----	Anderson Butler, Clinton.
Royal's Chapel	2	22	24	----	----	D. W. Tew, Beaman's X Roads.
Salem	4	100	104	60	----	S. A. Howard, Huntley.
Spring Branch	4	92	96	75	$ 8 26	O. D. Strickland, Giles' Mills.
Trinity	----	----	----	----	----	----
Union Grove	3	30	33	----	----	J. T. Williams, Dismal.
White Oak	8	80	88	50	5 50	R. M. Crumpler, Clinton.
Total	67	752	1019	564	$ 13 76	

Number of volumes in library, Antioch 78; Salem 150. Number of months kept open, White Oak, eight.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	For Oliver's Grove Church.
Antioch	$ 1 28	$ 2 29	$ 2 77	$ 3 71	$	$
Concord	1 10		1 27			
Lilly's Grove	1 00	1 00		2 50		
Macedonia	90	2 30		1 15		
Magnolia	1 20		30	33		
Greenwood	95	2 30	1 00	1 25		
Oliver's Grove	25	75				
Trinity	1 40	2 00				
Baptist Chapel	1 85		1 00	4 00		
Brown's	1 50	50	1 00	1 00		
Canaan	1 00	3 00		2 00		
Ebenezer	1 00	2 00		2 40		
Elizabeth	1 10		4 00	4 00		
Hermon	1 04	1 50	25	25		
Hickory Grove	75		1 00	2 00		
Long Branch	1 25		2 92			
Maple Grove	30	87	50	50		
Mill Creek						
Mt. Elam	2 00	1 35	1 00			
Piny Green						
Pleasant Union						
Rowan	1 25					
Royal's Chapel	70		1 00	65		
Salem	2 53	2 85	1 00	1 35		
Spring Branch	2 00	3 38		6 60	*8 26	
Union Grove	75		3 50			50
White Oak	1 50	1 50	3 00	4 00		
J. L. Autry, on pl'ge.			2 00			
Total	$ 28 60	$ 27 59	$ 27 51	$ 37 69	$ 8 26	$ 50

Total for all objects, $130.15.
*Contributed by Sunday School.

JOHN B. DOWNING,
THOS. W. BRITT,
Finance Committee.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Additions.			Diminut'ns.								
	Baptized.	R'c'd by let'r.	Restored.	D'm'd by let'r.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Males.	No. Females	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Paid for all objects during year.	Time of Preaching.
Antioch	1	2	1		4	2	66	86	152	$	$ 85 49	3rd Sunday.
Baptist Chapel	11			4	5	2	91	121	219		83 23	2nd Sunday.
*Brown's							53	109	162			
Canaan	3			1			16	32	48	70 00		3rd Sunday.
Concord		1		2	5	3	72	111	183		31 00	
Elizabeth	8	3					26	22	48		26 00	
Ebenezer		3	1	3	2		29	26	55			
Greenwood	1				2	1	9	12	21		60 60	
Hermon	1			1	2	1	20	26	46			2nd Sunday.
Hickory Grove							32	35	67			2nd Sunday.
Lilly's Grove				2		1	30	20	40	100 00		3rd Sunday.
Long Branch	7	1		2	4	2	57	71	128		141 39	3rd Sunday.
Macedonia	7	1	1	1	3	2	31	37	68		65 66	4th Sunday.
Magnolia	6	1	2	1	4	1	37	62	99			
Mt. Elam	2				7	1	50	38	88		51 23	3rd Sunday.
*Mill Creek							18	19	37			
Maple Grove							4	8	12		4 20	3rd Sunday.
Oliver's Grove							1	2	3			4th Sunday.
*Piny Grove							44	105	149			
*Pleas'nt Union							50	65	115			
Rowan	3	1		1			40	66	106			
Royal's Chapel	3	3					7	12	19			
Salem	6	4	1		1	4	79	119	198			3rd Sunday.
Spring Branch	2	1	1	3	2	3	99	162	261		116 29	1st Sunday.
Trinity	10				1		7	13	20			4th Sunday.
Union Grove	1		1		1	1	20	22	42		44 70	
White Oak	1		2	3		1	22	62	84	75 90	238 75	1st Sunday.
*Lebanon							30	55	85			
Total	73	21	10	24	43	25	1030	1518	2555		$ 948 54	

Number of colored, Baptist Chapel, 7.
Number of *Recorders* taken, Canaan, 8 ; White Oak, 5.
*Last reported membership.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men ; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend their printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10 Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

Compliments of

R. A. Draughon

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Rowan, Sampson County, N. C.,

ON

OCTOBER 24th, 25th and 26th, 1888.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator, - Huntley, Sampson County, N. C.
JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk, Buckhorn, Cumberland " "

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.:
J. E. Garrett, Book and Job Printer.
1889.

List of Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

A. B. Alderman, Hawley's Store, Sampson county, N. C.
W. M. Page, " " " " "
J. O. Tew, - Clinton, Sampson county, N. C.
H. J. Duncan, " " " "
J. W. Bell, " " " "
R. Hunycutt, Beaman's Cross Roads, Sampson county, N. C.
D. W. Tew, " " " " " "
I. T. Newton, Wake Forest College, N. C.
Wm. R. Johnson, Buckhorn, Cumberland county, "
Reuben Fisher, Blocker's, " " "
S. C. Page, Rhodes', " " "

Officers of Association and their Post Offices.

Isham Royal, Moderator, Huntley, Sampson county, N. C.
John B. Downing, Clerk, Buckhorn, Cumberland " "
Robert N. Butler, Treasurer, Ora, Sampson " "

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Isham Royal, Chairman, Huntley, Sampson county, N. C.
Whitney Royal, Cl'k and Treas., Clinton, " " "
O. D. Strickland, Giles' Mill, " " "
James M. Johnson, McKoy, " " "
John B. Downing, Buckhorn, Cumberland " "
Robert N. Butler, Ora, Sampson " "
Demsey H. Jackson, Hawley's Store, " "

PROCEEDINGS.

Rowan, Sampson County, N. C.,
October 24th, 1888.

The South River Baptist Association convened in its 12th Annual Session with the Church at Rowan, Sampson County, N. C.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Wm. R. Johnson. Text, John 3: 16th: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

2. An intermission of 45 minutes was taken for refreshments.

3. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Bro. I. Royal, who read the 24th Psalm. Hymn 817 sang: "'Tis religion that can give," when Elder R. C. Sandling led in prayer.

4. A list of churches was called and a majority found present.

5. Brethren Isaac Strickland and H. I. Hall were appointed a Committee of Finance and Brethren Jno. B. Downing and E. L. Hall Reading Clerks.

6. A list of the Churches was next called and the following enrolled as Messengers :

Antioch—Geo. A. Bain, E. L. Hall, Simeon Godwin.
Baptist Chapel—R. A. Draughon. Elder W. M. Page, Jos. Jackson.
Brown's—Elder H. J. Duncan, Elder J. W. Bell, W. H. Hair.
Canaan—Elder F. R. Underwood, T. E. Howard, B. Elmore.
Concord—Elder W. R. Johnson, Jno. B. Downing. W. J. Faircloth.
Elizabeth—Elder J. O. Tew, J. C. Howard, W. J. Watson, (Alt.)
Ebenezer—Geo. Highsmith, W. R. Highsmith, O. K. Vann.
Dunn—Represented by letter.
Hermon—James E. Britt,
Hickory Grove—J. A. Beaman.
Long Branch—H. I. Hall, J. L. Autry, Jr., Geo. Autry.
Lilly's Grove—Not represented.
Magnolia—H. L. Averitt, T. R. Raynor.
Mt. Elam—Elder R. Hunycutt, D. H. Jackson.
Mill Creek—M. M. Owen.
Maple Grove—Consolidated with the Church at Canaan.
Macedonia—By letter.
Oliver's Grove—By letter.

Piney Grove—Asia Green.
Pleasant Union—Not represented.
Rowan—W. N. Chestnutt, B. F. Byrd, Alex. Gautier.
Royal's Chapel—A. Royal, Arthur Vann, Whitney Royal.
Salem—Isham Royal.
Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, N. A. Layton, J. D. Pope.
Trinity—James M. Johnson.
Union Grove—M. O. Williams.
White Oak—A. R. Crumpler, R. N. Butler, Rob't M. Crumpler.

7. The letters from Salem and Dunn, petitioning for the next session, was laid on the table, and the letter from Ebenezer, asking for a letter of dismission to unite with the Eastern Association, was also laid on the table.

8. The term of the present officers having expired, the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Tellers were appointed as follows: Treasurer—T. E. Howard, Elder W. R. Johnson; Clerk—Elder H. J. Duncan, W. J. Watson; Treasurer—Whitney Royal, A. R. Crumpler. Result:—Bro. Isham Royal was re-elected Moderator, Brother John B Downing elected Clerk, and Bro. Robert N. Butler elected Treasurer.

9. An invitation was given to visiting and corresponding Messengers, when Bro. K. Vann, Elder R. C. Sandling, from the Eastern, and Elder L. Bryant, from the Cedar Creek Association, Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and C. T. Bailey, D. D., Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, accepted the invitation and were welcomed. In accepting the invitation Dr. Bailey ably advocated the claims of the *Biblical Recorder* on the Baptists. Elder G. S. Best, from the Eastern Association, also accepted the invitation and was welcomed.

10. Called for petitionary letters, when the Church at Clement (newly constituted) presented her letter, asking for admittance. On motion, the Church was received and the following enrolled as Messengers: J. B. Royal and C. H. Hall. The right hand of fellowship was given them by the Moderator. The Church at Evergreen (newly constituted) also presented her letter, asking for admittance. On motion, the Church was received and the following enrolled as Messengers: Amos J. Hall and Daniel D. Hales. The right hand of fellowship was given them by the Moderator.

11. The letter from Ebenezer was taken from the table and a letter of dismission was granted that Church to unite with the Eastern Association.

12. On motion, the following Committees were appointed to report at this session:

Periodicals—C. T. Bailey, D. D., W. J. Watson, A. E. Alderman.

State Missions—C. Durham, J. L. Autry, Jr., Geo. Highsmith.

Foreign Missions—R. C. Sandling, Elders W. M. Page, Levi Bryant.

Members Executive Board—Elders H. J. Duncan, W. R. Johnson and Bro. H. I. Hall.

Education—Elder F. R. Underwood, B. S. Peterson, R. N. Butler.

Sabbath Schools—Elders J. O. Tew, R. Hunycutt, W. J. Pope.

Temperance—R. A. Draughon, J. W. Bell, Everitt Peterson.

Obituaries—J. O. Tew, Whitney Royal, George A. Bain.

Baptist Orphanage—Elder G. S. Best, Oliver Blackman, K. Vann.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention—Elder H. J. Duncan, Stephen Boone, D. H. Jackson, R. A. Draughon, T. E. Howard.

To nominate Ministers to preach stated sermons at the next session—John B. Downing, Ollen D. Strickland.

On motion, the letters from Dunn and Salem, asking for the next session of this body, were taken from the table, and the Association proceeded to locate the next session. A call of the messengers resulted in the selection of Dunn, Harnett County, N. C. 13.

Elder H. J. Duncan, with the officers of Rowan Church, were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises. 14.

On motion, the report on State Missions was made the Special Order for 10.30 A. M., to-morrow. 15.

C. T. Bailey, D. D., read the report on Pericdicals. Pending the motion to adopt the association was addressed by C. T. Baily, D. D., and Elder W. R. Johnson. Report adopted. The following is the report: 16.

The *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptist Church of North Carolina, is a strong, progressive, wide-awake, religious, Baptist paper, and is worthy of our most hearty support.

This paper ought to be in every Baptist family connected with our churches. Each pastor should be an active agent for it. Let us all push its circulation and thereby help every good work.

COMMITTEE.

Committee on Religious Exercises announced preaching at the stand at 9.30 A. M., to-morrow by F. R. Underwood. 17.

Adjourned till 9.30 A. M., to-morrow. Sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Elder W. R. Johnson. 18.

SECOND DAY.

OCTOBER 25th, 1888.

The Association met as per adjournment, and was called to order by Moderator Royal, who read part of the 2nd chapter of Philippians. Sang hymn, "Alas and did my Savior bleed." Dr. C. T. Bailey led in prayer.

1. Called a list of messengers. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

2. Renewed invitation to Visiting and Corresponding Messengers. Bro. J. W. Oliver, from the Baptist Orphanage, and Elders H. S. Spivy, J. L. Britt and J. L. Stewart, from the Eastern Association, accepted the invitation and were welcomed.

3. Elder F. R. Underwood read the report of the Executive Board. Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made by Elders W. K. Johnson and H. J. Duncan, when a collection for building a house of worship at Oliver's Grove was taken as follows: C. T. Bailey, D. D., $1.00, D. H. Jackson 2.00, James Jackson 1.00, W. J. Pope 1.00, O. D. Strickland 50 cents, F. R. Underwood 50 cents, H. J. Duncan 1.00, Robeson Royal 50 cents, W. S. Johnson 50 cents, N. A. Layton 50 cents, Bryant Elmore 50 cents, A. E. Alderman 50 cents, hat collection 5.40. Total $14.90. The further consideration of the report was postponed to 2 o'clock P. M.

4. The preaching of the Missionary Sermon was, on motion, deferred until the report on State Missions was dispensed with.

5. Elder C. Durham read the report on State Missions and made some remarks, when the brethren named laid the following amounts on the table: D. H. Jackson 50 cents, H. T. Jackson, 50 cents, W. J. Pope 50 cents, Jas. Jackson, 50 cents, N. A. Layton 50 cents, O. D. Strickland 25 cents, W. J. Faircloth, 50 cents, Dr. George W. Mosely 1.00, making $4.25. A collection was then taken amounting to $5.18. Total 9.43. Churches and brethren made the following pledges: Antioch $5.00, Baptist Chapel $5 00, Canaan $3.00, Elizabeth $2.00, Dunn (by C. Durham) $5.00, Thos. W. Britt 50 cents, Long Branch $1.00, R. Hunycutt $1.00, Mill Creek $2.00, Piney Green $1.00, Royal's Chapel $1.00, Salem $5.00, Spring Branch $5.00, J. B. Downing $1.00, James M. Johnson 50 cents, Elder W. R. Johnson $1.00, White Oak $3.00, Clement $3.00, Evergreen $1.00, —making in pledges $46.00. Cash $9.43. Total $55.43. The following is the report :

The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools has this year 100 Missionaries and Colporteurs—87 Missionaries and 13 Colporteurs. These are located in the destitute sections from the sea to Ashe and Alleghany counties. The largest work ever done by this Board has been done this year. The Lord has abundantly blessed the self-sacrificing labors of these devoted men. They are in great need of the small amounts promised by the Board. The churches of this Association pledged for this work at its last session $63.50. We notice from the church letters that only about one-half of this amount has been paid. Can not these pledges be arranged for now? Let us all help with this work. BY THE COMMITTEE.

Took a recess of 45 minutes. 6.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

Committee appointed at last session to visit Spring Branch Church submitted the following report: 7.

Your Committee has visited Spring Branch Church and thoroughly investigated the reports, and as the principal actor is dead and gone, we recommend that the entire matter connected with said trouble be dismissed and the Committee discharged.

J. O. TEW, Chm'n.

On motion, report was adopted.

Read letters from Piney Green and Hermon Churches. 8. Hermon Church petitions for a letter of dismission to unite with the Eastern Association. On motion, the letter was granted.

The special order for this hour being the further consid- 9. eration of the report of the Executive Board, it was called up, when remarks were made by Elders W. R. Johnson, C. Durham and W. M. Page. Report adopted as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We submit the following report of last year's work:

During the year we have aided the churches at Trinity, Royal's Chapel, Oliver's Grove and Dunn. We also sent Bro. F. R. Underwood to Barbrey's School House one quarter, and Bro. W. R. Johnson to Carter's School House one quarter.

Bro. W. M. Page reports the congregation at Trinity good and attentive, and, notwithstanding there is not much increase, he thinks the church will eventually become prosperous. He reports the prospect at Royal's Chapel good—congregations large and some baptisms.

Bro. H. J. Duncan has made regular visits to Oliver's Grove. Congregations attentive, and the prospects are that as soon as the house of worship is completed the membership will increase.

Bro. Duncan was sent to Maple Grove for a short time. When the Church at Canaan was moved, and the leading brethren of the church at Maple Grove united with the brethren at Canaan, the Executive Board thought it prudent to withdraw aid from this place.

Bro. I. T. Newton has been preaching at Dunn regularly since January. He says the prospects are discouraging, and asks that we co-operate with the State Board to aid in building up this very important point.

Bro. Underwood made an encouraging report of his visits to Barbrey's School House, but he was compelled to give up the place on account of his other duties.

Bro. Johnson also gave an encouraging report of his work at Carter's School House, and since we withdrew aid from this place he has organized a church there.

The accompanying report of the Treasurer will show the amount expended at each place.

Many of the churches have contributed liberally for this object, but if *all* the churches are not *more* liberal in the support of this work it will necessarily cease, unless the Association advises co-operation with the State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL, Chairman.

Preaching at the stand by F. R. Underwood.

10. Bro. L. R. Carroll announced himself as a visitor from the Eastern Association and was welcomed.

11. Bro. Whitney Royal read report of Treasurer Executive Board. On motion, it was adopted. (See appendix.)

12. Bro. K. A. Draughon read the report of the Treasurer of the Association. On motion, adopted. (See appendix.)

13. Committee to nominate Executive Board submitted the following:

Isham Royal, James M. Johnson, Ollen D. Strickland, John B. Downing, Robert N. Butler, Whitney Royal and Demsey H. Jackson.

On motion, report was adopted.

14 Elder R. C. Sandling read the report on Foreign Missions. Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made by Elders R. C. Sandling and Levi Bryant.

Preaching at the stand by Elder W. M. Page.

The discussion is continued upon the report on Foreign Missions by Bro. L. R. Carroll. At the close of Bro. Carroll's remarks the following pledges were made for this object: J. A. Beaman $2.00, D. H. Jackson 1.00, Royal's Chapel 1.00, Salem 5.00, Spring Branch 5.00, White Oak 5.00. Total $19.00. Report adopted as follows:

The great command of our Saviour requires us to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. The time was when our fathers prayed earnestly that the doors of heathen nations might be opened for the reception of the gospel; this being granted, they then prayed that the Lord would call and incline men to go. This desire having been obtained, now we only need the money to support these competent and Godly men, that they may go and carry the word of life to the dying millions of the earth. We should be liberal and grateful because God has highly honored us in giving us Bryan and Herring in China, Baldwin and Powel in Africa. And soon Tatum, Chapel and Brittian will set sail with the light of the gospel. Brethren, the fields are white for the harvest, and the cry, "come over and held us," is heard from every part of Macedonia. If we cannot go we can send, and thereby obey the great command.

Respectfully,
R C. SANDLING,
W M. PAGE.

Elder J. O. Alderman announced himself as a visitor from Liberty Association and was welcomed. 15.

Committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board submitted the following report: 16.

Resolved, That the Sabbath School interest be committed to the Executive Board of the Association.

On motion, adopted.

Committee to nominate ministers to preach stated sermons at the next session reported as follows: 17.

To preach the Introductory sermon, Elder W. M. Page. To preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder F. R. Underwood.

Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 9.30 A. M. to-morrow. Elder J. O. Tew leads in prayer. Sang the L. M. Doxology. Benediction by Elder R. Hunycutt. 18.

THIRD DAY.

October 26th, 1888.

The Association was called to order at 9.30 A. M. by Moderator Royal, who read 1st chapter of Hebrews. Sang Hymn, "Jesus lover of my soul." Bro. Everitt Peterson lead in prayer.

Called and corrected list of messengers. 1.

Read and approved minutes of yesterday. 2.

Bro. Robert M. Crumpler offered the following resolution, which, after being discussed by several brethren, was unanimously adopted: 3.

Resolved, That the Executive Board of this Association be instructed to co-operate with the State Board in making appointments to the mission fields in our borders, and that hereafter the churches be requested to largely increase their contributions to the work of State Missions, so as to enable the State Board to make the needful appropriations to our fields, and also to supply the destitution in other parts of the State, and that the churches be also requested to take up quarterly collections for this object and report the same to the Executive Board of this Association, to be used by them in paying the Missionaries under their appointment.

4. The report on the Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. W. J. Oliver, who addressed the Association at some length upon the subject of the Orphanage at Thomasville. At the close of Bro. Oliver's remarks the following brethren laid one dollar each on the table for the Orphanage and *Charity and Children:* N. A. Layton, D. H. Jackson, W. J. Faircloth, O. D. Strickland, A. E. Alderman, Elder W. R. Johnson, and the following 50 cents each: Elder H. J. Duncan, Jas. M. Johnson, Miss Evylin Pritchard Royal, B. F. Byrd,—making $8.00, when a public collection was taken amounting to $1.60. Total $9.60. Report adopted as follows:

Four years ago the Baptists of North Carolina realized their duty towards the fatherless and founded an Orphanage at Thomasville. The work has been steadily progressing until the fourth house is nearing completion. Ninety-two children now have a home here, and so soon as the fourth house is finished others will be taken. The cry is coming up every week from the friends of orphans asking if they can be taken. The cry cannot be heeded. The present buildings are crowded. Will not those whom God has blessed with means give to this cause, that a portion of the one thousand destitute children in our State may be blessed with a place they can call home. We commend this work to our churches and ask that some systematic plan of giving to the Institution may be adopted in each of them.

Charity and Children is a 12 page paper published weekly by the Orphanage at one dollar a year. This will contain more than eight pages of solid reading matter. It occupies a field entirely different from any paper in the State, and we commend it to every friend of the Orphanage and of general charity.

As to our duty in this matter the Bible is our guide. "Pure religion undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widow in their afflictions," and Christ tells us—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. BEST,
OLIVER BLACKBURN,
K. VANN.

5. On motion, a recess of 30 minutes was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Business was resumed, when Bro. Whitney Royal offered the following amendment to the 11th article of the Constitution: 6.

"But the Association shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church."

It was unanimously adopted.

The Finance Committee reported. On motion, report was adopted and the Committee instructed to pay the funds in their hands over to the Treasurer of the Association. (See appendix.) 7.

Elder H. J. Duncan read the report on Correspondence as follows: 8.

To Southern Baptist Convention—Elder F. R. Underwood.

To Baptist State Convention—Elders W. M. Page and W. R. Johnson and Bro. I. Royal.

To Little River Association—Elder W. M. Page and Bro. E. L. Hall.

To Raleigh Association—Elder S. C. Page and Bro. James M. Johnson.

To Eastern Association—Elder D. W. Tew and Bro. Robert M. Crumpler.

To Atlantic Association—Elder F. R. Underwood and Bro. T. C. Howard.

To Cedar Creek Association—Elders H. J. Duncan and John O. Tew.

On motion, adopted.

Bro. Whitney Royal read the following report on Obituaries: 9.

We have to report that 23 of our members have died since our last session. Among them was Elder W. H. Howard. He was taken sick while engaged in a meeting of days with the Church at Elizabeth, and did not get home any more. He seemed to be very anxious for the meeting to prosper, and often spoke of it in his sickness. He was a man of great memory, and a faithful minister for 35 or 40 years. The master has called him from labor to rest.

Among them was also Bro. Evander J. Butler. He was a zealous member of the Baptist Church at Salem, and a young man of great promise.

There are also others whose names we have not been able to obtain. "Be ye also ready, for ye know not when the Son of Man cometh."

On motion, unanimously adopted.

Elder F. R. Underwood read the report on Education. Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made by 10.

Elders H. J. Duncan and F. R. Underwood. The following is the report:

The Baptists of North Carolina have abundant cause for thanksgiving and congratulation in the ample facilities afforded them for higher education of their sons and daughters. Chowan Baptist Female College, Oxford Female Seminary, and Thomasville Female College are well equipped for their work and eminently worthy of our patronage. Wake Forest College, with largely increased endowment, new and improved buildings, clever, able professors, and more than two hundred students, was never so prosperous and popular as now. At this institution there are about fifty young ministers, the majority of them beneficiaries of the Board of Education. This Board earnestly appeals to the churches for larger contributions to help these poor and worthy men in preparing themselves for their great work. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky is growing in usefulness and prosperity. A large and magnificent building has been erected for lecture rooms and the accommodation of students. There are now more than one hundred and thirty ministers in attendance from all parts of the country, among them several from our own State. Many of them are aided by a fund contributed for this purpose. We commend this cause to the sympathy and support of the churches.

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
B. S. PETERSON,
R. N. BUTLER,
Committee.

11. Elder J. O. Tew read the report on Sabbath Schools. Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made by Elders W. R. Johnson and F. R. Underwood. The following is the report:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Sabbath Schools is in hearty sympathy with Sabbath School work, and while we are able to report some advancement in this department of the Master's work, yet there is great need of united effort both with pastors and churches in order that churches may come up to their full duty. A church that hasn't got a well organized Sabbath School has not got that influence that a Christian Church ought to have. Our duty to God, to ourselves and our children is to come together each Sabbath for the training of our children in Bible knowledge. To do this we should use every possible means that God has blessed us with, that our children may be taught the simple yet saving truths of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. TEW,
R. HUNYCUTT,
W. J. POPE,
Committee.

12. The building committee at Oliver's Grove made a verbal statement.

Elders H. J. Duncan offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: 13.

Resolved, That this Association tender a vote of thanks to this church and community for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained us and the visitors.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk be allowed $10 for his services, and expend the balance of the money in printing and distributing the minutes. On motion, ordered that the Clerk have the minutes printed at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. 14.

Elder J. W. Bell read the report on Temperance as follows: 15.

Dear Brethren:—We your committee, would recommend temperance in all things, but more especially in intoxicating drinks. While we think there is a reformation going on in regard to drinking, yet it is very disgusting and painful to know that there is much intemperance among church members. Brethren, let us try to drive out this great monster from amongst us. Let us try, with prayer and supplication to God, to reclaim such as have fallen.

J. M. BELL,
E. PETERSON.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Elder W. R. Johnson, adjourned to meet with the Church at Dunn, Harnett County, N. C., Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in October 1889. Closing exercises conducted by Elder J. O. Tew. 16.

Thus closed the 12th Session of the South River Baptist Association—one of the most harmonious and pleasant meetings it has ever been our privilege of attending. May the giver of all good spare our lives to meet at the next is our prayer. 17.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator.
JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board of the South River Baptist Association.

WHITNEY ROYAL, TREASURER, IN ACC'T WITH SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

1888.	DR.	
Jan. 28.	Received at Royal's Chapel from H. L. Hall, Treasurer of the South River Association	$ 37 75
	From the Church at Concord 76c., Greenwood 2.00, Baptist Chapel 3.10, Canaan 25c., Long Branch 1.40, Hickory Grove 50c., Brown's 1.10, Piney Green 1.50, Spring Branch 4.84, White Oak 2.00, Mt. Elam 1.00, Royal's Chapel 65c., Elizabeth 1.00, Hermon 65c., public collection 3.40	24 25
April 28.	At Hermon—Antioch 3.22, Concord, 35c., Magnolia 66c., Trinity 50c., Brown's 1.40, Hermon 80c., Hickory Grove 50c.. Mt. Elam 1.15, Pleasant Union 1.00, Royal's Chapel 20c., Spring Branch 2.87, Salem 1.80, Union Grove 2.15, White Oak 1.60, public collection Saturday, 5.60, public collection Sunday 2.50	26 30
	Received from H. L. Hall, Treasurer of S. R. Association	44 00
	Received from R. H. Highsmith, former Treas. of Ex. B'd.	6 38
July 28.	At Concord—Macedonia 2.00, Concord 2.37, Magnolia 1.32, Trinity 75c., Greenwood 78c., H. J. Duncan for Brown's 50c., Baptist Chapel 1.83, Elizabeth 1.00, Mill Creek 1.40, Hickory Grove 1.10, Royal's Chapel 65c., Spring Branch 5.26, Salem 3.56, Union Grove 3.00, Hermon 60c., Long Branch 1.25, White Oak, 2.00, J. L. Autrey for Clement 5.00, Mt. Elam 2.00, Lilly's Grove 25c., Pleasant Union 50c., public collection Friday 4.11, public collection Saturday 3.70, public Collection Sunday 2.30	47.23
Sept. 28.	At Piney Green—Antioch 3.24, Baptist Chapel 1.05, Hermon 2.81, Mt. Elam 1.55, Piney Green 2.10, Royal's Chapel 1.05, Salem 2.65, Spring Branch 2.48, White Oak 1.28, Union Grove 2.85, Elizabeth 1.05, Hickory Grove 75c., Brown's 1.75, J. C. Taylor 25c., W. M. Page 25c., public collection Saturday 4.46, public collection Sunday 3.21, received from A. J. Cooper, former Treasurer of Executive Board 51c	34.09
		$220 00

1888.	CR.	
Jan 28.	Paid W. M. Page for services at Royal's Chapel and Trinity,	$20 00
	H. J. Duncan for services at Maple Grove and Oliver's Grove,	36 00
	W. R. Johnson for services at Greenwood..................	6 00
Ap'l 27.	W. M. Page for services at Royal's Chapel and Trinity......	20 25
	F. R. Underwood for services at Barbrey's School House....	10 00
	H. J. Duncan for services at Oliver's Grove................	18 00
	W. R. Johnson for services at Carter's School House........	15 00
	I. T. Newton for services at Greenwood....................	9 00
July 28.	W. M. Page for services at Royal's Chapel and Trinity......	16 50
	H. J. Duncan for services at Oliver's Grove	15 00
	I. T. Newton for services at Greenwood....................	15 00
Sep. 28.	W. M. Page for services at Royal's Chapel and Trinity......	15 75
	H. J. Duncan for services at Oliver's Grove	10 00
	I. T. Newton for services at Greenwood....................	7 50
	Balance on hand....	6 00
		$220 00

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

R. A. DRAUGHON,
THOS. E. HOWARD,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Sunday School Board.
Antioch	$ 95	$ 85	$ ..	$....	$.....	$ ..	$...	.....
Baptist Chapel	1 40	.....	1 35	.. ...	......	....	....	.....
Brown's	1 00	....	*5 00	1 00	...	......	1 15	.....
Canaan	1 25	4 00	2 25	76	3 00	1 00	....	....
Concord	1 10	70	....	.....	......	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth	.....	1 30	2 00	.. ..	....	...	.....	.....
Ebenezer	85	1 00	. .	1 57	2 70	....	....	.....
Dunn	1 50	1 50	2 10	1 50	......	......	....	.....
Hermon	70	1 00	.....	....	.....	......	....	....
Hickory Grove	75	.....	†1 50	13	......	......	.....	.....
Long Branch	1 30	1 35	.....	....	......	.....	...	....
Lilly's Grove	....	.....	.....	....	.....	......	......	....
Magnolia	1 25	....	...	2 79	.....	......	.....	.. .
Mt. Elam	2 00	1 05	1 00	......	....	.....	....	.....
Mill Creek	1 30	2 00	2 00	2 00	40	.....	1 10	.....
Maple Grove	....		....	....	.....	....	....	...
Macedonia	9	1 70	....	.....	.. ...	.....	....	....
Oliver's Grove	30	...	.. ..	.....	....	....	.. .	....
Piney Green	....	....	. ..	1 50	.....	....	....	.. .
Pleasant Union	....	....	1 45	1 07	.....	.....	.. .	.. .
Rowan	2 15	......	.	....	.....	.....	..	...
Royal's Chapel	85	....	1 00	....	..	.....	...	...
Salem	2 10		9 65	2 70	3 05	....	1 50	1 15
Spring Branch	1 45	1 19	5 05	....	. ..	.....	.....	.....
Trinity	50	75	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Union Grove	75	83	3 00	. ..	....	....	..	...
White Oak	1 50	3 20	3 00	5 00	5 00	1 28	1 35	... .
Clement	3 00	3 00	....	2 00	....	....	....	... .
Evergreen	75	....	. ..	....	.....	......	... .	....
	$29 56	$25 42	$40 35	$22 02	$14 15	$ 2 28	$5 10	$1 15

*Paid to C. Durham by H. J. Duncan.
†Paid to C. Durham by J. A. Beaman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1887.	H. L. HALL IN ACC'T WITH SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.		DR.
Oct. 19.	—Balance on hand for Associational Missions	$48 86	
	Received from Finance Committee	27 59	
	" " collection at Association	4 00	
	" " H. J. Cooper	80	
	" " Brown's Church	50	
	Total for Associational Missions	———	$81 75
	Received from Finance Committee—Minute Fund	$28 60	
	Total Minute Fund	———	28 60
	Received from Finance Committee—Foreign Miss'ns	$37 69	
	" " Miss Leola Underwood	79	
	" " Magnolia Church	1 00	
	" " Piney Green Church	1 40	
	" " Antioch Church	4 19	
	Total for Foreign Missions	———	45 07
	Received from Finance Committee—State Missions	$27 51	
	" " collection at Association	5 25	
	" " Rev. H. J. Duncan (pledge)	1 00	
	" " Frank Lewis "	50	
	" " J. H. McCullen "	50	
	" " Antioch Church	2 65	
	Total for State Missions	———	37 41
	Received from Miss Annie Duncan for Home Miss'ns	$ 85	
	" " Antioch Church	2 35	
	Total for Home Missions	———	3 20
	Received from Fi. Committee—Baptist Orphanage	$ 8 26	
	" " collection at Association	5 60	
	" " collection at Sunday School Conven'n	6 80	
	Total for Baptist Orphanage	———	20 66
	Received from Finance Com. for Oliver's Grove	$ 50	
	Total for Oliver's Grove	———	50
	Total for all objects		$217 19

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	Paid Treasurer Executive Board Associational Missions	$81 75	
	Total	———$	81 75
	Paid R. A. Draughon—Minute Fund	$28 60	
	Total		28 60
	Paid F. H. Briggs for Foreign Missions	$45 07	
	Total	———	45 07
	Paid Rev. C. Durham—State Missions	$ 6 25	
	" F. H. Briggs— " "	31 16	
	Total	———	37 41
	Paid F. H. Briggs—Baptist Orphanage	$13 86	
	" J. H. Mills— " "	6 80	
	Total	———	20 66
	Paid R. A. Draughon for Oliver's Grove Church	50	
	Total	———	50
	Paid F. H. Briggs for Home Missions	$ 3 20	
	Total	———	3 20
1888			
Oct. 24.	Total amount of disbursements		$217 19

Respectfully submitted, HAYNES L. HALL, Treasurer.

We have examined the above account of the Treasurer and find it correct.

R. A. DRAUGHON,
THOS. E. HOWARD,
Auditing Committee.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dissmissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch	12	..	..	3	..	1	71	89	160	Not given in Church Letter.
Baptist Chapel	16	..	2	39	5	1	75	123	198	" " " " "
Brown's	4	.	2	4	1	1	50	53	103	" " " " "
Canaan	13	10	1	5	4	3	23	40	63	3rd Sabbath and day before.
Concord	11	1	1	30	4	1	59	99	158	1st " " " "
Clement	...	..	..	...	..	..	35	35	70	Not given in Letter.
Ebenezer	2	1	..	5	1	..	25	26	51	Dismissed to join East'n Ass.
Elizabeth	. .	1	1	...	2	2	....	....	...	4th Sabbath and day before.
Evergreen	20	26	..	1	..	..	24	21	45	Not given.
Dunn	3	12	..	...	..	..	12	22	34	....
Hermon	3	1	..	...	..	..	20	26	46	Dismissed to join East'n Ass.
Hickory Grove	...	.	..	...	..	1	...	...	66	2nd Sabbath and day before.
Long Branch	3	..	..	6	4	1	51	66	117	3rd " " " "
Lilly's Grove	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	Not represented.
Magnolia	7	2	..	2	4	1	38	64	102	3rd Sabbath and day before.
Macedonia	3	..	1	....	5	4	28	35	63	4th " " " "
Mt. Elam	...	.	..	...	..	..	50	38	88	3rd " " " "
Mill Creek	9	..	2	....	3	..	27	33	60	2nd " " " "
Oliver's Grove	...	..	..	...	..	..	....	...	...	By letter. Supplied by Board
Piney Green	8	..	3	2	5	..	71	114	185	Not given in Letter.
Pleasant Union	...	..	..	....	..	..	...	.. .		Not represented.
Rowan	...	..	..	2	2	2	43	70	113	Not given in Letter.
Royal's Chapel	3	1	.	...	..	..	8	15	23	" " " "
Salem	1	..	..	....	..	4	78	117	195	" " " "
Spring Branch	8	1	..	1	4	.	96	165	161	1st Sabbath and day before.
Trinity	1	..	..	...	3	..	....	...	...	Supplied by Board.
Union Grove	2	..	1	....	2	..	21	22	43	" " "
White Oak	...	2	..	3	1	1	22	59	81	" " "
	129	58	14	103	50	23	927	1332	2325	

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	No. of Teachers	Number of Pupils.	Total.	No. Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.	
						SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Antioch	5	62	67	93	46	I. Strickland	Godwin
Baptist Chapel	..	...		..	....	Statistics not given	....
Brown's	4	51	55	....	40	J. W. Bell	Clinton
Canaan	9	53	62	...	30	H. C. McNeill	Glenwood
Concord	..	....	....	...	50	J. K. B. Gregory	Shepherd
Clement	..	.	....	....	....	Statistics not given	....
Ebenezer	3	21	24	....	20	R. Highsmith	Coharie
Elizabeth	..	....	..	....	...	Statistics not given	....
Evergreen	3	56	59	....	50	A. D. Bedsole	Robin Hill
Dunn	4	72	76	....	50	S. W. Parker	Dunn
Hermon	4	25	29	..	20	Jas. Shipp	Clinton
Hickory Grove	..	....	....	...	...	Statistics not given	....
Long Branch	4	68	72	..	50	J. W. Autry	Dismal
Magnolia	4	45	49	....	..	J. B. Bryant	Blocker's
Macedonia	..	...	.	..	...	No statistics given.	....
Mt. Elam	3	60	63	....	30	S. L. Jackson	Hawley's Store
Mill Creek	4	67	71	....	46	W. S. Howard	Hives
Piney Green	3	70	73	..	40	J. W. Strickland	Beaman's X Roads
Pleasant Union	..	....	...	....	..	Not represented	....
Rowan	4	60	64	....	50	A. Butler.	Clinton
Royal Chapel	4	75	79	...	40	Whitney Royal	Clinton
Salem	4	90	94	150	50	Leonidas Cooper	Huntley
Spring Branch	4	69	73	...	60	O. D. Strickland	Giles' Mill
Trinity	..	....	....	...	....	No statistics given.	....
Union Grove		.	..	...	...	No Sabbath School	....
White Oak	6	89	95	...	40	R. M. Crumpler	Clinton
	72	1033	1105	243	722		

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES
Antioch	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	I. Strickland	Godwin
Baptist Chapel	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	S. B. Page	Hawley's Store
Brown's	F. R. Underwood	Glenwood	J. H. McCullen	Keener's
Canaan	G. S Best	Kenansville	H C. McNeill	Glenwood
Concord	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	J. B. Jackson	Shepherd
Clement	Not given		T. M. Royal	Not given
Ebenezer, dismissed	Dismissed to join Eastern	Association		
Elizabeth	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	W. J. Watson	Not given
Evergreen	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	A. D. Bedsole	Robin Hill
Dunn			S. W. Parker	Dunn
Hermon	J. L. Britt	Warsaw	C. E. Shipp	Clinton
Hickory Grove	No Pastor		J A. Beaman	Beaman's X Roads.
Long Branch	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	H I. Hall	Dismal
Magnolia	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	M. J. Averitt	Blocker's
Macedonia	C. E. Beard	Ellis	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn
Mt. Elam	J. O. Tew	Clinton	B. Warren	Clinton
Mill Creek	C. E. Beard	Winnie	U. Sessoms	Owenville
Piney Green	R. Hunycut	Beaman's X Roads	Amma Royal	Huntley
Pleasant Union	Not represented			
Rowan	J. W. Bell	Clinton	Jno. J. Malpass	Clinton
Royal Chapel	W. Page	Hawley's Store	D W. Tew	Beaman's X Roads.
Salem	F. R. Underwood	Glenwood	J. C. Howard	Huntley
Spring Branch	A. B. Alderman	Hawley's Store	D. M. Williford	Giles' Mills
Trinity	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	D. W. Wood	Rome
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	C. Williams	Not given
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton

COSTITUTION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messenger.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

Time of next meeting, October 23rd, 1889.
Place of meeting, Dunn, Harnett County, N. C.
To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder Wiley M. Page.
To preach Missionary Sermon, Elder Frank R. Underwood.

PROCEEDINGS FIRST DAY.

DUNN, HARNETT COUNTY, N. C., October 23d, 1889.

The South River Baptist Association met in its thirteenth annual session with the church at Dunn, Harnett County, N. C. In the absence of the appointee, Rev. W. M. Page, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Speight. Subject: "Joseph of Aramatha." At the close of the sermon, took a recess of one hour for dinner.

1. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Isham Royal. Devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell. Sang hymn, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior."

2. Called a roll of the churches, a majority present.

3. Appointed Brethren R. A. Draughon and H. C. McNeill Reading Clerks, and Brethren I. Strickland and J. L. Autry a Committee of Finance.

4. Read Church letters and enrolled Messengers as follows:

Antiock—Angus Baine, I. Strickland, E. L. Hall.
Baptist Chapel—M. O. Jackson, John Culbreth, S. D. Jackson.
Brown's—J. H. McCullen.
Canaan—M. Bell, H. N. Bizzell, H. C. McNeill.
Concord—Elder Wm. R. Johnson, John B. Downing.
Clement—J. L. Autry, T. M. Royal.
Dunn—S. W. Parker, R. G. Taylor, R. A. Draughon.
Elizabeth—Elder John O. Tew.
Hickory Grove—A. Tindal, S. T. Herring, J. A. Beaman.
Long Branch—H. I. Hall, Giles Hall.
Lilly's Grove—S J. Guy, C. B. Bullock, M. F. Underwood.
Macdonia—Andrew Overton, Hinton Faircloth.
Magnolia—H. S. Averitt.
Mill Creek—By letter.
Mt. Elam—Rev. R. Hunycutt, D. H. Jackson, H. M. Jackson.
Oliver's Grove—Haywood Johnson, R. H. Johnson.
Piney Green—H. Canaday, D. A. Hunycutt.
Pleasant Union—F. I. McKinzie.
Rowan—By letter.
Royal's Chapel—Whitney Royal, Elder D. W. Tew.
Salem—I. Royal. Sr., S. A. Howard.
Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, J. C. Williford, Elder Wm. Bland.
TrinitywD. J. Wood, James M. Johnson.
Union Grove—D. W. Williams.
White Oak—J. A. Underwood, R. N. Butler.

5. On motion, the letters from Hickory Grove and Elizabeth, petitioning for the next session, were laid on the table.

6. The terms of office of the present officers having expired, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year.

7. Appointed tellers as follows: Moderator O. D. Strickland, Rev. Wm. R. Johnson, Clerk W. H. Pope, John Culbreth, Treasurer Elder J. A. Tew and J. A. Underwood. Results: Isham Royal re-elected Moderator, John B. Downing Clerk, R. N. Butler Treasurer.

8. Elder J. A. Campbell (the Pastor), in behalf of the Church, in a few appropriate remarks, welcomed the Association, which was responded to by Rev. F. R. Underwood on behalf of the Association.

9. Gave an invitation to visiting and corresponding messengers, when Elder J. A. Speight, associate editor of Biblical Recorder, Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, reported and were welcomed.

10. On motion the report on periodicals was made the special order for 3:30 P. M., and the report on state missions for 7:30 P. M.

11. Called for petitionary letters, when the church at Mary's Chapel (newly constituted) presented her letter asking for admittance. On motion the church was received, and the following enrolled as messengers, R. H. King and J. H. Darden, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

12. The following committees were appointed to report at this session:

Periodicals—Rev. J. A. Speight, M. Bell, J. M. Johnson.
State Missions—Elder C. Durham, H. N. Bizzell, Rev. R. Hunycutt.
Foreign Missions—Elder J. A. Campbell, J. L. Autry, J. A. Taylor.
To Nominate Executive Board—Elder R. Hunycutt, J. A. Underwood, I. Strickland.
Education—Elder F. R. Underwood, R. A. Draughon, J. Culbreth.
Sabbath Schools—Elder S. C. Page, D. W. Williams, S. D. Jackson.
Temperance—Rev. Wm. R. Johnson, Whitney Royal, J. H Darden.
Home Missions—Elders J. O. Tew, J. A. Campbell.
Obituaries—Elders I. T. Newton, D. W. Tew, and Brother J. L. Autry.
Baptist Orphanage—Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell, W. M. Page, J. C. Williford.
To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—Elders S. C. Page, J. O. Tew, and Brother H. C. McNeill.
On Correspondence—O. D. Strickland, D. H. Jackson and N. A. Layton.
To Nominate Preachers to Preach Stated Sermons at next Association—J. B. Downing, R. N. Butler.
Auditing Committee—S. W. Parker, Elder D. W. Tew.

13. The discussion of the report on periodicals being the special order for this hour, Elder J. A. Speight read the report, and addressed the Association at considerable length, setting forth the claims of the Recorder on the Baptists of this State. On motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would gladly commend to the members of our Baptist Churches the BIBLICAL RECORDER. The RECORDER is sound in doctrine, progressive in spirit, and it is worthy a place in every Baptist home in the land. We urge our people to subscribe for it and read it. We urge this because we feel that no Baptist can be of any great service to his church who is not a reader of the RECORDER.

COMMITTEE.

14. The pastor with the officers of this church were appointed a committee on regular exercise.

15. On motion took a recess to 7:30 P. M. Sang the long meter doxology. Benediction by Elder W. M. Page.

NIGHT SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

16. The Association was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by the Moderator. Elder J. O. Tew led in prayer.

17. Renewed invitations to corresponding brethren, when N. B. Cobb, D. D., from the Anson Association and correspondent for Judson College, and Brother Geo. W. Highsmith, from the Eastern Association, accepted the invitation and were welcomed.

18. The consideration of the report on state missions being the special order for this hour, Rev. C. Durham read the report. Pending a motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Elder C. Durham, who forcibly set forth the work being done by, and the needs of, the state mission bureau. At the conclusion of Elder Durham's address, a cash collection amounting to $5.09 was taken, and the following pledges made for state missions: Antioch $10.00, Canaan $5.00, Concord $3.00, Elizabeth $8.00, Dunn $15,00, Long Branch $6.00, Lilly's Grove $5.00, Mt. Elam $7.00, Macedonia $5.00, Oliver's Grove $2.00, Piney Green $6.00, Salem $12.50, Royal's Chapel $5.00, Spring Branch $10.00, Trinity $5,00, Union Grove $10.00, White Oak $10.00, Clement $10.00, Mary's Chapel $3.00, making in pledges $137.50, cash $5.39; total, $142.89. I. Royal read the report of the executive board in connection with the report. On motion adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

In submitting this annual report of missions within our borders, we beg leave to say that the field is larger than we have funds to supply. We have occupied the following points: Dunn in Harnett County, Oliver's Grove and Trinity in Johnston County, and Royal's Chapel in Sampson County. The reports from all these points are encouraging, though not many have been baptized, but the brethren feel that they are sowing the good seeds that will take deep root and eventually produce self-sustaining churches. Elder W. R. Johnson has preached regularly at Oliver's Grove and Trinity, and in addition has visited many families and held several prayer meetings in the vicinity of these churches. He reports five baptized. Elder J. A. Campbell has supplied the church at Dunn twice a month, and Elder W. M. Page has supplied the church at Royal's Chapel during the year.

We authorized Elder J. W. Bell to preach at Barbrey's school house, but not having a sufficiency of funds we did not promise to pay him for his work, but Brother Bell, like a true soldier, went to work, called in the aid of Elder G. S. Best. They held a meeting of several days which resulted in the conversion and baptism of several members and the organization of a church with about forty members.

In addition to these points, there are several other localities needing the word. What shall we do? Shall we go forth at once and occupy all the territory within our bounds? The Association can answer the question. Brethren, we must go forward. Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL, Chairman.

On motion adjourned to 9:30 A. M. to-morrow. Benediction by Elder J. A. Speight.

SECOND DAY.

1. The Association was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by Moderator Royal, who read the 5th Psalm. Sang hymn No. 72. Prayer. Elder W. M. Page leading.

2. Called list of messengers and read and approved minutes of yesterday.

3. Renewed invitations to corresponding messsengers, when Elder W. B. Oliver and Brother Wm. Dodd, from the Robeson Association, and Elder J. G. Fisher, from the Cedar Creek Association, and Brethren R. H. Smith and E. D. Smith, from the Little River Association, accepted the invitation and were welcomed.

4. Called for and read letters from Churches not represented on yesterday.

5. On motion, the locating of the next Session was postponed until the afternoon Session.

6. Elder F. R. Underwood read the report on Education. Pending the motion to adopt, the Association was addressed at length by N. B. Cobb, D. D., upon the subject of Education in general. He also forcibly presented the advantages of Wake Forrest and Judson College and their claims on the Baptists of the State. At the conclusion of Dr. Cobb's address, a cash collection was taken for Judson College amounting to $5.00.

On motion of Brother J. L. Autry, the Association called for the preaching of the Missionary Sermon. Elder F. R. Underwood then preached the Missionary Sermon, from Romans 10th, Chapter 12, "For there is no difference between the Jew or the Greek.', At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for State missions, amounting to $7.50.

8. Took a recess for one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 P. M. Business resumed.

9. Leave of absence was granted A. Overton, Hilton Faircloth and H. S. Averett for balance of the term.

10. On motion, Elder F. R. Underwood was requested to furnish the Biblical Recorder with a copy of his Sermon for publication.

11. On motion of J. L. Autry, the thirteenth Article of the Constitution was changed so as to make the time of meeting the Tuesday after the fourth Lord's day in October.

12. The discussion of the report on Education was then continued by Elders F. R. Underwood, I. T. Newton, and W. M. Page, when the brethren and friends came forward and laid $11 on the table for educational purposes.

13. Took the letters from Hickory Grove and Elizabeth from the table, and went into the selection of a place for the next Session. A call of the list of messengers resulted in the selection of Hickory Grove.

14. The report on Temperance was read by Elder Wm. R. Johnson. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elders Wm. R. Johnson, W. B. Oliver and Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell, when the further discussion was portponed until the night session.

15. The Committee to nominate an ex-Board reported, recommending Isham Royal, Whitney Royal, John B. Downing, Robert N. Butler, James M. Johnson, Ollen D. Strickland and Dempsey H. Jackson. On motion report adopted.

16. On motion, took a recess to 7 o'clock P. M. Benediction by N. B. Cobb, D. D.

SECOND DAY, NIGHT SESSION.

Seven o'clock P. M.—Resumed business.

17. The Association called to order by Moderator Royal. Prayer, Rev. Allen Betts leading.

18. Renewed invitations to corresponding brethren, when Elder J. S. Dill, correspondant Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. J. D. Newton, representing the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, and Rev. Allen Betts, from the Little River Association, accepted the invitation and was welcomed.

19. The discussion of the Report on Temperance was continued by Elder W. M. Page, J. L. Autry, D. W. Williams and Elder Betts. On motion adopted as follows:

Temperance is the command of God—to be temperate in all things—so we ought to obey the gospel of our Savior. So let us be chased in all our habits, and above all things let us keep out of the grog shops and quit drinking ardent spirits, on the road or at home or anywhere else, because we believe it to be the greatest enemy of man, morally, mentally, physically and socially.

W. R. Johnson,
W. ROYAL.

20. Elder J. S. Dill read the Report on Home Missions, when Elder Dill addressed the Association at considerable length, forcibly setting forth the claims of the Home Mission Board, its work, etc., when the report was adopted as follows, with the understanding that the churches be called on to-morrow to make pledges:

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. I. T. Tichnor as Secretary. It has for its field destitute sections in and adjacent to the Southern States. During the past year it has had mission work in the following places: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, Texas, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia Also in the Indian Territory and Cuba. There have been employed 328 missionaries, and the receipts of the Board for the year $69,300. The Lord has greatly blessed the work, and there have been 328 new churches organized and 8,402 members received. The work in Cuba has continued with increased power, and with the fine Church house now occupied in the heart of Havanna, the cause is upon a great vantage ground. The Home Board publishes, at 25 cents a year, a monthly sheet, setting forth its work. It also publishes a full line of Sunday School literature, and these we commend to the Churches.

In view of the importance of this work, Be it resolved, 1. That our pastors present the cause to their people. 2. That our Churches this year make pledges to the support of the work.

J. A. Campbell,
J. O. Tew.

21. The Church at this place being burdened with a debt, Elder J. S. Dill made an appeal to the Association for aid to relieve the brethren, when a cash collection of $21.44 and pledges to the amount of $95, making in the whole $116.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Wiley M. Page, Hawley's Store, Sampson County, N. C.
J. O. Tew, Clinton, Sampson County, N. C,
J. W. Bell, Clinton, Sampson County, N. C.

R. Hunycutt, Beaman's Cross Roads, Sampson County, N. C.
D. W. Tew, Beaman's Cross Roads, Sampson County, N. C.
F. R. Underwood, Glenwood, Sampson County, N. C.
William Bland, Hawley's Store, Sampson County, N. C.
I. T. Newton, Wake Forest College, N. C.
Wm. R. Johnson, Buckhorn, Cumberland County, N. C.
Reuben Fisher, Blocker's, Cumberland County, N. C.
S. C. Page, Rhodes, Cumberland County, N. C.
W. B. Harrell, Dunn, Harnett, Cumberland County, N. C.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Isham Royal, Moderator, Hawley, Sampson County, N. C.
John B. Downing, Clerk, Buckhorn, Cumberland County, N. C.
Robert N. Butler, Treasurer, Clinton, Sampson County, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

John B. Downing, Chairman, Buckhorn, Cumberland County, N. C.
Whitney Royal, Clerk and Treasurer, Clinton, Sampson County, N. C.
Isham Royal, Huntly, Sampson County, N. C.
Ollen D. Strickland, Giles' Mill, Sampson County, N. C.
James M. Johnson, McKoy, Sampson County, N. C.
Robert N. Butler, Clinton, Sampson County, N. C.
Dempsey H. Jackson, Hawley's Store, Sampson County, N. C.

22. On motion adjourned to 9:39 A. M. to-morrow. Benediction by Elder F. R. Underwood.

THIRD DAY, OCTOBER 25, 1889, 9:30 A. M.

1. The Association was called to order by Moderator Royal. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder F. R. Underwood.
2. Called and corrected list of Messengers.
3. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.
4. Renewed invitation to corresponding Messengers, when Brother L. W. Byrd, from the Little River Association, accepted the invitation.
5. The roll of churches was called, and the following Churches agreed to make an effort to raise the amount opposite their names for Home Missions: Antioch, $5; Canaan, $1; Clement, $5; Dunn, $5; Lilly's Grove, $2; Pleasant Union, $5; Royal's Chapel, $2; Salem, $2; Union Grove. $2; White Oak, $2, making in the whole $31.
6. Leave of absence was granted D. W. Williams for balance of the term.
7. Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell read the report on Baptist Orphan-

age at Thomasville, when the Association was addressed at length by Elder J. D. Newton, N. B. Cobb, D. D., and Elder W. M. Page. When the brethren and friends laid $27.31 on the table for the Orphanage, at Thomasville, when the report was adopted, as follows :

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE AT THOMASVILLE, N. C.

Our Orphanage at Thomasville is in good condition, owing to the excellent management of Brother J. H. Mills, assisted by a faithful and efficient Assistant Manager, Brother J. W. Oliver, with a consecrated Christian corps of teachers and employes in all departments of that grand, noble and philanthropic enterprise, which has now been in successful operation for the past five years. But the work of feeding, clothing and educating the 115 pupils, both boys and girls, now there, requires the liberal contributions and earnest prayers of our Baptist hosts all over our beloved State. Therefore, we trust that the South River Association will respond cheerfully to the calls made upon them, in behalf of the Orphanage, for we are assured in the Word of God that "He that have pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord."

An excellent paper, "Charity and Children," is published at the institution, and all the work of printing, etc., etc., is done by the pupils under the supervision of the Superintendent. We hope that many of our people here will become subscribers and readers of the same. The price is one dollar per year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. HARRELL, Chairman,
W. M. PAGE.

8. A resolution was passed calling on all the Churches to take up collections on the National Thanksgiving day for the orphanage.

9. Elder D. W. Tew read the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board. On motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Whitney Royal, Treasurer, in account with the South River Association.

		DR.	
Dec. 25.	Cash on hand	6 00	
Dec. 29.	Antioch State Mission	1 72	
Mar. 28.	Antioch State Mission	2 48	
Sep. 28.	Antioch State Mission	4 79—	14 99
Dec. 29.	Baptist Chapel mission	1 40	
Mar. 28.	Baptist Chapel Mission	1 25	
Sep. 29.	Baptist Chapel Mission	1 26—	3 91
Sept. 29.	Brown's Chapel Mission	3 00—	3 00
June 28.	Canaan Chapel Mission	1 80	
Sept. 28.	Canaan Chapel Mission	1 20—	3 00
Dec. 28.	Concord Chapel Mission	1 45	
Mar. 28.	Concord Chapel Mission	75—	2 20
Mar. 28.	Elizabeth Chapel Mission	1 70—	1 70
Dec. 28.	Dunn Chapel Mission	2 25	
June 28.	Dunn Chapel Mission	2 35	
Sep. 28.	Dunn Chapel Mission	1 56—	6 16

Dec. 28.	Hermon Chapel Mission	1 33	
June 28.	Hermon Chapel Mission	2 47—	3 80
June 28.	Hickory Grove Mission	75—	75
Dec. 28.	Long Branch Mission	1 00	
Mar. 28.	Long Branch Mission	1 65	
June 28.	Long Branch Mission	2 30—	4 95
Sept. 28.	Lilly's Grove Mission	5 00—	5 00
Mar.	Magnolia Mission	80—	80
Dec.	Mount Elam Mission	1 60	
Mar.	Mount Elam Mission	1 00	
June	Mount Elam Mission	2 00	
Sept.	Mount Elam Mission	1 80—	6 40
Mar. 29.	Macedonia Mission	35	
June 29.	Macedonia Mission	2 20—	2 55
Mar.	Oliver's Grove Mission	36—	36
Dec.	Piney Green Mission	1 00	
Mar.	Piney Green Mission	1 00	
June	Piney Green Mission	1 90	
Sept.	Piney Green Foreign Missions	2 10	
Sept.	Piney Green State Missions	1 02—	7 02
Dec.	Pleasant Union State Missions	1 75	
Mar.	Pleasant Union State Missions	1 75	
June	Pleasant Union State Missions	1 55	
	Pleasant Union Foreign Missions	1 50	
Sep.	Pleasant Union State Missions	1 50—	8 05
Dec.	Royals' Chapel Sate Mission	1 48	
Mar.	Royals' Chapel State Mission	1 00	
June	Royals' Chapel State Mission	20	
Sept.	Royals' Chapel State Mission	43—	3 11
Dec.	Salem State Mission	3 07	
Mar.	Salem State Mission	3 96	
June	Salem State Mission	3 60	
Sept.	Salem State Mission	3 50—	14 13
Dec.	Spring Branch State Mission	2 84	
Mar.	Spring Branch State Mission	3 00	
June	Spring Branch State Mission	2 75	
Sept.	Spring Branch State Mission	4 53—	13 12
Dec.	Trinity State Mission	75	
Mar.	Trinity State Mission	94	
Sept	Trinity State Mission	1 35—	3 04
Dec.	Union Grove State Mission	3 00	
Mar.	Union Grove State Mission	2 25	
June	Union Grove State Mission	2 00—	7 25
Dec. 29.	White Oak State Mission	2 05	
Mar. 28.	White Oak State Mission	1 23	
June 28.	White Oak State Mission	1 50	
June	White Oak Baptist Orphanage	1 00	
June	White Oak Ministerial Education	1 05	
Sept.	White Oak State Mission	1 40	
Sept.	White Oak Foreign Mission	1 46	
Sept.	White Oak HomeMission	1 34—	11 03
Dec.	Clement State Mission	3 00	
Mar.	Clement State Mission	2 00	
June	Clement State Mission	2 00	
Sept.	Clement State Mission	3 00—	10 00
Mar.	Evergreen State Mission	65—	65

Dec.	Public Collections	2 85	
Mar.	Rec'd from R. N. Butler, Treas. of Association	15 00	
Mar.	Rec'd from R. N. Butler, Treas. of Association	2 79	
Mar.	Public Collections	8 57	
June	Public Collections	7 91	
Sept.	Public Collections, Foreign Missions	2 55	
Sept.	Public Collections, State Mission	4 17	43 84
	Total		$ 180 81
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Dec. 29.	Cash to Rev. W. M. Page	6 00	
Mar.	Cash to Rev. W. M. Page	9 00	
June	Cash to Rev. W. M. Page	9 00	
Dec.	Cash to Rev. W. R. Johnson	25 00	
Mar.	Cash to Rev. W. R. Johnson	37 50	
June	Cash to Rev. W. R. Johnson	27 50	
Sept.	Cash to Rev. W. R. Johnson	10 00	
Mar. 28.	Cash to Rev. J. A. Campbell	12 50	
Sept. 28.	Cash to Rev. J. A. Campbell	18 75	
June	Cash to R. N. Butler, Treas. of Association——		
	Baptist Orphanage	1 00	
	Ministerial Education	1 05	
	Foreign Missions	3 60	
Sept.	Foreign Missions	4 01	
	Home Missions	1 34	166 25
	Balance on Hand		14 56
Oct. 25.	Rec'd R. N. Butler, Treas. South River Assn		82 82
			97 38
	By Cash W. M. Page	12 50	
	By Cash W. R. Johnson	50 00	
	By Cash J. A. Campbell	25 00	87 50
			9 88
	To Public Collection at Association		12 89
	To pledge R. Honeycutt		1 00
	To Balance on Hand		$ 23 77

WHITNEY ROYAL, Treasurer.

We, your Committee, have examined the above account and find it correct.

S. W. PARKER,
D. W. TEW, } Committee.

10. Finance Committee reported. On motion adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.
Antioch	$ 85	....	$ 5 00	$ 2 36	....	....	....
Baptist Chapel	90	....	1 20	....	....	....	....
Brown's	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	$ 50
Canaan	1 25	....	5 00	1 00	$ 2 00	$2 00	....
Concord	1 85	....	2 85	....	....	....	....
Clement	2 00	....	3 00	5 00	....	1 30	....
Dunn	2 00	....	7 17	1 28	5 00	1 00	2 97
Elizabeth	1 00	....	4 00	....	...	....	....
Evergreen	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hickory Grove	1 00	....	...	2 00	....	....	....
Long Branch	1 40	$2 00	1 00	1 00	2 90	....	1 00
Lilly's Grove	1 00	....	2 50	1 75	....	....	....
Macedonia	1 30	3 15	....	....	....	....	....
Mary's Chapel	1 00	....	1 00	....	....	...	....
Magnolia	1 30	....	1 80	45	2 70	....	....
Mill Creek	I 20	2 60	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Elam	1 35	....	3 55	....	....	....	....
Oliver's Grove	....	....	2 50	....	....	....	....
Piney Green	...	....	5 30	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Union	1 00	....	1 45	....	1 50	....	....
Rowan	...	....	....	....	....	....	....
Royal's Chapel	40	....	1 00	....	....	....	....
Salem	2 01	....	5 00	5 00	5 00	....	....
Spring Branch	1 50	....	7 20	5 10	....	....	....
Trinity	1 15	....	2 00	50	....	....	...
Union Grove	75	1 45	1 00	1 00	....	....	....
White Oak	1 50	....	5 10	5 00	1 80	....	....
J. M. Sessions	....	....	5 00	....	...	....	....
	$28 71	$9 20	$73 62	$31 44	$20 90	$4 30	$4 47

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. AUTRY,
ISAAC STRICKLAND,
Committee.

11. Brother S. W. Parker read report of the Treasurer of the Association. On motion adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. N. Butler in account with South River Association.

1888, Oct. Received from Finance Committee:—— DR.

1888, Oct.	Received	Minute Fund	$ 29 56	
" "	"	Associational Missions	24 29	
" "	"	State Missions	40 35	
" "	"	Foreign Missions	23 17	
" "	"	Baptist Orphanage	14 15	
" "	"	Ministerial Education	2 28	
" "	"	Home Missions	5 10	—138 90

	Credit by amount paid Rev. C. Durham	6 50	6 50
	Total from Committee of Finance	132 40	132 40
	Collection at Association, Minute Fund	$ 2 45	
	“ “ “ State Missions	9 43	
	“ “ “ Baptist Orphanage	9 60	
	“ “ “ Building church at Oliver's Grove	14 90	
1889, March.	Collection at U. M. at Long Branch, North African Missions	3 67	
“ “	Paid by Pleasant Union, North African Missions	5 00	
“ “	White Oak, Baptist Orphanage	1 50	
“ “	“ “ Home Missions	1 22	11 39
“ June.	Paid by White Oak, Baptist Orphanage	1 00	
“ “	“ “ “ “ Ministerial Education	1 05	
“ “	“ “ Piney Green, Foreign Missions	2 10	
“ “	“ “ Pleasant Union, Foreign Missions	1 50	5 65
“ Sept.	Collection at U. M. at Canaan, Foreign Missions	2 55	
“ “	Paid by White Oak, Foreign Missions	1 46	
“ “	“ “ “ “ Home Missions	1 34	5 35
	Total for all objects		191 17

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1888, Oct.	Paid J. B. Downing, Clerk Minute Fund	$ 32 01	
“ “	“ Building Committee, Oliver's Grove	14 90	
“ “	“ J. W. Oliver, Treas. Baptist Orphanage	23 75	70 66
“ Nov.	“ Treasurer Baptist State Convention	80 33	80 33
“ Dec.	“ W. Royal, Treasurer Executive Board.	15 00	15 00
1889, March.	Paid W. Royal, Treas. Executive Board	2 75	2 75
“ “	“ D. J. Clark, North African Missions.	8 67	8 67
“ April.	Paid Treasurer Baptist State Convention.	2 72	2 72
“ June.	“ “ “ “ “	5 65	5 65
“ Oct.	“ “ “ “ “	5 35	5 35
	Paid out for postage	72	72
	Total amount of disbursements		191 89

ROBT. N. BUTLER, Treasurer.

We have examined the above account of the Treasurer, and find it correct.

D. W. TEW,
S. W. PARKER,
Committee.

12. Committee to nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention reported as follows:

Elders F R. Underwood, I. T. Newton, and Brethren James A. Taylor and J. L. Autry.

On motion adopted.

13. Committee to nominate Corresponding Messengers reported as follows:

To Little River Association, Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell, Rev. S.

C. Page. To Raleigh Association, Elders W. M. Page and S. W. Parker. To Eastern Association, Elder D. W. Tew and R. M. Crumpler. To Atlantic, Brothers H. N. Bizzell and H. C. McNeill. To Cedar Creek Association, Elder Wm. R. Johnson, and John B. Downing.

On motion adopted.

14. On motion took a recess for one hour. Benediction by N. B. Cobb, D. D.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Resumed business.

15. Committee to nominate preachers to preach stated sermons at next Association reported as follows:

Introductory Sermon, Elder Wm. R. Johnson; Missionary Sermon, Elder W. M. Page.

On motion adopted.

16. Committee on Obituaries read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee report the following: Since our last meeting a number of our members have passed into eternity. Among these are the names of Rev. A. B. Alderman, Brother Samson Strickland, and Sisters Mary A. Underwood, Mary B. Strickland, and Mollie C. Layton. Brother Alderman was for forty years a faithful minister of the Gospel, never governed by the notions or doctrines of men, but being guided by the Holy Spirit ever contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints. He strove to honor God and to have a pure conscience, as a husband, a father, a citizen, and as a preacher. The success of the Gospel here where we are now in session, in this growing and beautiful church, is largely due this man. We believe he was the first Baptist to preach in this section, which he did free and freely until it was supplied by the Executive Board. He fell with the armor on. Brother Strickland, a member of Antioch, was a true man, good Christian, and died in the faith. Sister Underwood, of Canaan, was an example for us to well follow. Her home was the home of those who preach the Gospel. She was the mother of our beloved Rev. F. R. Underwood. Sisters Strickland and Layton, of Spring Branch, were Christians who let their lights shine,—though dead they yet speak on earth. Brother Marshal Hall, of Long Branch, was a good and true soldier in the late war; so he was for Jesus, but he has gone home.

Baptist Chapel lost three from its roll to answer the roll call in Heaven, Antioch three, Canaan one, Rowan five, Long Branch one, Piney Grove one, White Oak two, Concore one, Mt. Elam two, Macedonia one, Pleasant Union two, Spring Branch two, Hickory Grove one, making twenty-five in all.

Brethren, this teaches us that we will not all meet again in an earthly association, but let us all pray without ceasing that we may all answer that call where we will meet in that eternal association to part no more.

Respectfully submitted,

I. T. NEWTON,
D W. TEW,
J. L. AUTRY,
Committee.

17. Elder S. C. Page read report on Sabbath Schools, which was discussed by Rev. S. C. Page and Brother A. E. Alderman. On motion adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

BRETHREN, we believe that Bible Schools taught on the Sabbath Day are fully authorized in the Scriptures, thus becoming a very important church work. Therefore, your committee suggest that the custom of discontinuing of our schools during winter is unscriptural and of dangerous tendency, and we recommend that the custom be abandoned as far as possible and that our schools continue through the winter. We feel that we would realize more good for the Master's cause from evergreen schools.

S. C. PAGE,
S. D. JACKSON,
D. W. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

18. Elder J. A. Campbell read the report on Foreign Missions, when the Association was addressed at considerable length by N. B. Cobb, D. D., and a collection taken amounting to $1.64, and the following pledges: Dunn $5.00, Lilly's Grove $2.00, Salem $2.00, Spring Branch $7.50, White Oak $5.00, Clement $5.00, making $21.50. On motion adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last words of Jesus were, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, and also in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." A narrow, contracted idea as to the area embraced in the command of Christ will not do. He has not said preach the gospel in any particular nation, but in "all nations." The command is to "go," and we as Christians must go with our means, and with our prayers to the nations of earth, or prove false to the trust committed to us.

There are now thirty missionaries in foreign lands from our own State, fighting under the banner of our King. Some of them are in China, some in Africa, and others in Mexico. Brazil and Italy are also very important fields now being occupied by missionaries under the Board of the Eastern Baptist Convention. Respectfully,

J. A. CAMPBELL,
J. L. AUTRY,
J. A. TAYLOR,
Committee.

19. On motion allowed Clerk $10 for his services.

20. The following resolution of thanks was offered and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby extended to the members of this Church and the citizens of Dunn and vicinity for their generous hospitality during the sessions of this body.

21. The Building Committee of Oliver Grove Church made the following report, which was adopted and ordered appended to the minutes:

To the South River Association: R. A. Draughon. Treasurer, in account with the Trustees of Oliver Grove Church.

1886.				
			Dr.	
January	15	—To cash received from R. Newton, collection.	$ 30 00	
"	15	" " " Whitney Royal "	8 75	
"	23	" " " Ella J. Alderman......	1 00	
"	23	" " " Laura Creech.......	25	
"	23	" " " E. Creech............	15 00	
"	23	" " " Haywood Johnson....	20 00	
"	23	" " " D. H. Graves.........	5 00	
"	29	" " " D. C. Johnson.........	25	
"	29	" " " J. G. Newton....	25	
"	29	" " " R. A. Draughon......	2 50	
"	29	" " " Greenwood Church..	50	
"	29	" " " Salem Church........	2 00	
"	29	" " " J. O. Tew (on pledge).	1 00	
"	29	" " " W. M. Page..........	1 00	
"	29	" " " F. M. Royal.........	1 09	
"	29	" " " J. A. Beaman........	1 00	
"	29	" " " E. Gertrude Royal.....	50	
"	29	" " " Katie Royal..........	25	
"	29	" " " Huron Merting	1 35	
"	31	" " " D. W. Williams.......	50	
February	7	" " " H. L. Hall............	1 00	
"	14	" " " Baptist ChapelChurch	1 35	
March	13	" " " I. T. Newton.........	1 00	
"	14	" " " J. L. Autry.............	5 00	
"	14	" " " M. O. Jackson........	10	
May	16	" " " M. M. Sessoms.........	1 00—	
"	29	—Received from R. S. Westbrook............	25	
"	29	—To cash received from Canaan Church......	1 00	
"	29	" " " W. R. Johnson........	1 00	
August	12	" " " E. Creech.............	5 00	
Sept.	15	" " " J. A. Layton..........	1 00	
October	2r	" " " Hermon Church......	1 00	
"	21	" " " Mt. Elam..............	1 05	
"	21	" " " Macedonia Church....	2 00	
"	21	" " " H. J. Duncan	1 00	
"	21	" " " Daniel Williams.........	50	
"	21	" " " J. A. Campbell........	25	
"	21	" " " J. L. Autry............	1 00	
"	21	" " " Ella J. Alderman......	1 50	
"	21	" " " John Culbreth..........	25	
"	21	" " " T. J. Jackson..........	25	
"	21	" " " I. T. Newton.........	50	
"	21	" " " D. H. Hayes...........	25	
"	21	" " " A. D. Lockamy.......	20	
"	21	" " " W. R. Johnson........	1 00	
"	21	" " " J. B. Bryan............	10	
"	2e	" " " J. A. Beaman..........	25—	120 90

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October 21—Paid E, Creech for lumber	$120 50—	120 58
Balance on hand		32

Dr.

October 21—To balance brought forward	$ 32	
1887.		
May 29—To cash received from J. T. Chesnutt	50	
October 19 “ “ “ S. R. Association	50	
1888.		
February 29—To cash received from Reuben Newton, collection	20 00	
“ To cash received from W. A. Bell	50—	21 82

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February 29—Paid C. T. Williams & Co. for nails	$ 5 32	
April 24—Paid W. T. Johnson for work on building	16 50—	21 82

1888. Dr.

May 28—To cash received from R. Newton, collection	$ 10 00	
July 21— “ “ “ J. T. Williams	1 00	
Oct. 16 “ “ “ R. Newton, collection	5 00	
Oct. 27 “ “ “ A. J. Duncan, collection at Rowan	14 90—	30 90

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November 8—By cash paid W. T. Johnson for work on houses	$ 15 00	
November 9—By cash paid Haywood Johnson for material for houses	7 90—	22 90
November 9—Balance on hand	8 00	

Dr.

December 10—To cash received from Reuben Newton, collection	$ 15 00	
December 15—To cash received from B. W. Hatcher	25—	23 25

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December 17—By cash paid W. T. Johnson	$ 23 25—	23 25
August —Paid by J. O. Alderman to Haywood Johnson	1 00	
November 1—Haywood Johnson furnished 17,700 shingles	35 40	
November 1—Paid by Haywood Johnson for nails	2 50	

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Eecember 29—To cash received from I. Royal	$ 1 00
“ 29 “ “ “ J. L. Autry	6 00
“ 29 “ “ “ W. M. Page	50
“ 29 “ “ “ Jordan Sessoms	25
“ 29 “ “ “ Joel Hudson	25
“ 29 “ “ “ O. D. Strickland	1 00
“ 29 “ “ “ —— Farm	5
“ 29 “ “ “ J. O. Alderman	2 50
“ 29 “ “ “ Isaac Strickland	25
“ 29 “ “ “ W. Royal	25
“ 29 “ “ “ D. Wliliford	1 00
“ 29 “ “ “ M. O. Jackson	50

December	29—To cash received from James Jackson......	2 00	
“	29 “ “ “ J. E. Britt.........	50	
“	29 “ “ “ D. H. Jackson.....	1 00	
“	29 “ “ “ W. W. Bass........	50	
“	29 “ “ “ Thomas Williams.	50	
“	29 “ “ “ S. B. Page.........	1 00	
“	29 “ “ “ Wm. C. Jackson..	50	
“	29 “ “ “ D. W. Tew........	50	
“	29 “ “ “ Enoch Hall, Jr......	50	
“	29 “ “ “ W. R. Johnson......	50	
“	29 “ “ “ R. N. Butler.......	50	
“	29 “ “ “ Wm. Bland.... ...	50	
“	29 “ “ “ Fred Mathias.....	1 00	
“	29—To cash received from W. L. Stevens.....	25	
“	29 “ “ “ Elijah A. Tew	50	
“	29—To cash received from collectiod by R. W. Howard..................................	3 75	
“	29—To cash received by W. R. Johnson, collection..................................	3 00—	30 55

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December	29—By cash paid W. R. Johnson, order of W. T. Johnson............................$	1 00	
1889.			
January	28—By cash paid W. T. Johnson.................	29 25	
January	28—By cash paid W. T. Johnson to buy hinges..	30—	30 55

Respectfully submitted, R. A. Draughon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

All that has been done, all that is now being done, and all that will be done to give the Gospel to the destitute of our State, is properly called State Missions. This is true, whether the work has been done under appointment of the Mission Board of our Baptist State Convention, by the Associations, the local churches, or undertaken independently by an individual without any human action. For more than 100 years the Baptists have been engaged in this work, and we are glad to report that during all these years the work has never been so large, so hopeful or so satisfcctory in results as it has been this year. The Board has had ninety-six Missionaries and fifteen Colporters at work. These have been located in the destitute, villages and country neighborhoods, from the Sea to beyond the Mountains.

We recommend,

1. That the Pastors keep their churches well informed about the growth, needs and prospects of State Missions.
2. That our Pastors and people be requested to pray the Lord to guide in this work and to bless it in the future even more than in the past.
3. That our Churches be urged to give mare to the support of State Missions than ever before in the history of our denominational work.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We note with gratitude the progress of general education within our borders and throughout our entire State. There is no more encouraging sign of the times than the growth of the educational spirit among our people. The Baptists of the State are not wanting in facilities the liberal education of their sons and daughters. Not to mention t many excellent Academies in different parts of our State, Wake Forest College in the east and Judson College in the west offer excellent opportunities for the higher education of our young men, while Oxford, Murfreesboro and High Point furnish all we need for the finished education of our young women.

For brethren who desire to prepare themselves for the ministry, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., furnishes unsurpassed advantages. We desire to call special attention to the needs of the Board of Education at Wake Forest, and to urge upon our churches their obligation to assist the poor and worthy young ministers who are seeking to fit themselves for their high calling and vocation.

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
For the Committee.

22. On motion, adjourned. The closing exercises conducted by Elder Wm. Blank, who made some feeling and appropriate remarks. Song, " Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Benediction by N. B. Cobb, D. D.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'sd by Let'r	Exchanged.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch....	1	1	1	2	3	3	68	87	155	Third Sabbath and day before.
Baptist Chapel........	..	..	..	10	1	3	66	108	174	Not given in church letter.
Brown's....	5	3	..	20	..	..	47	46	93	Fourth Sabbath and day before.
Canaan	2	2	1	2	1	1	25	38	63	Third Sabbath and day before.
Concord...............	..	..	2	5	9	1	51	98	149	Fourth Sabbath and day before.
Clement	3	12	..	..	..	..	43	41	84	Fourth Sabbath and day before.
Dunn..	3	29	..	..	..	..	29	30	59	1st Sab. m. and n, and 3d Sab. n.
Elizabeth	..	..	..	3	1	..	18	20	38	Second Sabbath and day before.
Evergreen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	Not represented.
Hickory Grove........	14	3	..	..	1	1	37	40	77	First Sabbath and day before.
Long Branch..........	14	1	3	1	..	1	62	70	132	Third Sabbath and day before.
Lilly's Grove..........	4	2	..	1	..	..	24	23	47	Not given in church letter.
Macedonia..	7	7	2	1	5	1	31	40	71	Third Sabbath and day before.
Magnolia..	..	1	..	..	1	..	39	64	103	Third Sabbath and day before.
Mary's Chapel........	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	35	61	Second Sabbath and day before.
Mill Creek............	..	3	..	2	4	..	22	33	55	Second Sabbath and day before.
Mt. Elam........	20	..	1	..	3	2	32	45	77	Third Sabbath and day before.
Oliver's Grove........	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	7	Not given in church letter.
Piney Green..........	12	1	3	2	4	1	69	120	189	Not given in church letter.
Pleasant Union	2	2	3	4	1	2	44	63	107	First Sabbath and day before.
Rowan	3	2	..	5	..	5	36	63	99	Not given in church letter.
Royal's Chapel......	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	15	24	Second Sabbath and day before.
Salem	5	3	..	6	3	..	75	114	189	Second Sabbath and day before.
Spring Branch........	20	2	2	6	1	2	99	174	273	First Sabbath and day before.
Trinity	2	1	..	1	..	..	5	14	19	Third Sabbath and day before.
Union Grove.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	19	21	40	Not given in church letter.
White Oak............	1	4	5	..	..	2	28	62	90	Not given in church letter
	102	79	23	53	39	25	1007	1459	2466	

LIST OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.
Antioch	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	I2aac Strickland	Goodwin
Baptist Chapel	(No pastor)		S. B. Page	Clement
Brown's	J. W. Bell	Clinton	J. H. McCullen	Keeners
Canaan	F. R. Underwood	Glenwood	H. C. McNeill	Glenwood
Concord	W. M. Page	Hawley's Store	J. B. Jackson	Shepherd
Clement	F. R. Underwood	Glenwood	T. M. Royal	Clement
Dunn	J. A. Campbell	Dunn	S. W. Parker	Dunn, Harnett County.
Elizabeth	Wm. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	W. J. Watson	Clinton
Evergreen	(Not represented)			
Hickory Grove	J. W. Bell	Clinton	J. A. Beaman	Beaman's Cross Roads.
Long Branch	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	H. I. Hall	Dismal
Lilly's Grove	J. O. Tew	Clinton	S. F. Breece	Fayetteville
Macedonia	C. E. Beard	Winnie, Bladen County.	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn, C'mb'rl'd Co.
Magnolia	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	M. J. Averitt	Blocker's, C'mb'rl'd Co.
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Bell	Clinton	I. S. Hobbs	Clinton
Mill Creek	C. E. Beard	Winnie, Bladen County.	N. Sessoms	Owenville
Mt. Elam	J. O. Tew	Clinton	B. Warren	Bass
Oliver's Grove	Wm. R. Johnsou	Buckhorn	Haywood Johnson	(Not koown)
Piney Green	R. Hunycutt	Beaman's Cross Roads.	Amma Royal	Huntley
Pleasant Union	Wm. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	Miss Octavie Fisher.	Owenville
Rowan	J. W. Bell	Clinton	J. J. Malpass	Clinton
Royal's Chapel			D. W. Tew	Beaman's Cross Roads.
Salem	F. R. Underwood	Glenwood	J. C. Howard	Huntley
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell,	Dunn	N. A. Layton	Dunn
Trinity	Wm. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	D. J. Wood	Rome
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Clement	C. Williams	Clement
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Total.	No. of Volumes In Library.	Average Attendance.	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICES.
Antioch	6	93	99	105	....	Angus Bain	Kyles Landing
Baptist Chapel	5	75	80	....	....	S. B. Page	Clement
Brown's	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Canaan	8	30	38	....	20	H. C. McNeill	Glenwood
Concord	6	25	31	....	25	D. K. Hall	Shepherd
Clement	....	....	.	....	....	J. L. Autry,	Clement.
Dunn	6	50	56	81	....	S. W. Parker	Dunn, Harnett county
Elizabeth	4	54	56	....	35	J. C. Howard	Clinton. Sampson co.
Evergreen	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hickory Grove	5	85	92	....	....	J. A. Beaman	Beaman's X Roads
Long Branch	4	99	103	....	60	S. J. Faircloth	Shephard
Lilly's Grove	....	..	....	....	....	....	....
Macedonia	4	54	58	....	35	A. F. Plummer	Buckhorn, Cum'rland
Magnolia	6	42	48	...	....	J. B. Bryant	Blockers “
Mary's Chapel	4	45	49	....	....	G. W. Wiggins	....
Mill Creek	4	47	51	....	35	F. M. Owen	Hines, Sampson co.
Mt. Elam	.. ..	....	...	....	....	....	....
Oliver's Grove	....	....	....	....	.. .	....	....
Piney Green	4	95	99	...	....	J. W. Strickland	BeaHan's X Roads
Pleasant Union	5	50	55	....	25	F. H. Howard	Hayne, Samson co
Rowan	4	50	54	....	....	A. Butler	Clintou, “
Royal's Chapel	....	....	35	....	....	Whitney Royal	“ “
Salem	8	63	71	100	....	Erastus Cooper	Huntly, “
Spring Branch	10	80	90	....	60	O. D. Strickland	Giles Mills
Trinity	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Union Grove	3	46	49	..	....	Henry Tew	Clement
White Oak	6	94	100	....	40	R. M. Crumpler	Clinton
	102	1195	1397	287	335		

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday after the fourth Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

5. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messenger.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

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Executive Board and their Post Offices.

Isham Royal, Chairman, Huntley, Sampson county, N. C.
Whitney Royal, Cl'k and Treas., Clinton " " "
Robert N. Butler, - - " " " "
Dempsey H. Jackson, Hawley's Store, " " "
James M. Johnson, McKoy, - - " " "
Ollen D. Strickland, Giles' Mill, - " " "
Angus Bain, Godwin, Cumberland - - " "

List of Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

Wiley M. Page, Godwin, Cumberland county, N. C.
Wm. R. Johnson, Buckhorn, " " "
Reuben Fisher, Stedman, " " "
John O. Tew, Clinton, Sampson " "
Daniel W. Tew, Beaman's Cross Roads, Sampson Co. N. C.
J. W. Bell, Clinton, - - " " "
Redin Honeycutt, Beaman's Cross Roads, " " "
Frank R. Underwood, Glenwood, - " " "
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store, - - " " "
Dr. W. B. Harrell, Dunn, Harnett county, N. C.
S. C. Page, Rhodes', Cumberland " "

PROCEEDINGS.

HICKORY GROVE, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,
October 28th, 1890.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 14th Annual Session with this Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Elder W. R. Johnson. Text, Isaiah 43 : 1. "Fear Not." After the Sermon took a recess for one hour for refreshments, when the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. I. Royal.

1. Elder I. T. Newton read the 1st Chapter of Philipians. Sang Hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Brother O. D. Strickland lead in prayer.

2. Called list of churches, a majority present.

3. Appointed Brethren R. A. Draughon and T. E. Howard a Committee of Finance, and Elders F. R. Underwood and D. M. Tew Reading Clerks.

4. Read Church Letters and enrolled Messengers as follows :

Antioch—Angus Bain.
Baptist Chapel—James Jackson, A. A. Page, N. E. Williams.
Brown's—†W. H. Hair, Elder J. W. Bell, W. H. McCullan.
Canaan—†B. Elmore, †T. E. Howard, D. H. Jackson.
Concord—Elder W. R. Johnson, John B. Downing.
Clement—†J. T. Autry, Blackman Williams.
Dunn—R. A. Draughon, W. H. Pope, Dr. W. B. Harrell.
Elizabeth—†J. C. Howard, Elder J. O. Tew, Thomas Faircloth.
Evergreen—Not represented.
Hickory Grove—R. H Beaman, W. R. Warren, A. F. Hall.
Long Branch—W. J. Faircloth.
Lilly's Grove—S. F. Breece.
Macedonia—H. C. Carter, Andrew Overton.
Mary's Chapel—D. W. Wiggins, R. H. King, Henry Bradshaw.
Magnolia—William Riley.
Mill Creek—†F. M. Owen, †R. A. Carter, †J. W. Strickland.
Mt. Elam—†Wiliam M. Strickland, †D. H. Sinclair.
Oliver's Grove—H. Johnson.
Piney Green—A. Royal, †Henry Canady.
Pleasant Union—†Jordan Sessoms.
Rowan—W. M. Chesnutt, †P. O. Quinn.
Royal's Chapel—Whitney Royal, Elder D. W. Tew, †Wm. Butler.
Salem—†Molton Royal, †W. J. Butler, I. Royal, Sr.
Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, N. B. Barfoot, S. L. Jackson.
Trinity—James M. Johnson.
Union Grove—Letter.
White Oak—Redin McKenzie, R. M. Butler, G. L. Sikes.

Those that are marked thus † were absent without leave.

5. There was a letter read from Sherwood Sabbath School pledging $10 for Foreign Missions for the ensuing year.

6. On motion, the letters from Concord, Mill Creek, Salem and Spring Branch, having petitions for the next Session, were laid on the table.

7. The term of office of the present officers having expired, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Appointed tellers as follows: Moderator, Elder J. O. Tew, W. J. Butler; Clerk, A. A. Page, J. M. Johnson; Treasurer, H. C. Carter, W. H. Pope. Result: I. Royal re-elected Moderator, John B. Downing re-elected Clerk, R. N. Butler re-elected Treasurer.

8. Elders J. O. Tew, J. W. Bell and the officers of the Church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

9. Gave an invitation to Visiting and Corresponding Messengers. Elder G. S. Best from the Eastern, and Elder I. T. Newton from the Central Association, accepted the invitation and were welcomed.

10. Called for petitionary letters. None.

11. The Moderator announced the following Committees to report at this session.

Periodicals—Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell, G. S. Best, T. E. Howard.

State Missions—Elder F. R. Underwood, R. A. Draughon, W. Royal.

Foreign Missions—Elder William Bland, A. A. Page, Blackman Williams.

Members Executive Board—R. Honeycutt, R. McKenzie, Molton Royal.

Education—I. T. Newton, W. H. Pope, D. H. Jackson.

Sabbath Schools—W. R. Johnson, A. Overton, A. F. Hall.

Temperance—D. W. Tew, J. C. Howard, B. Elmore.

Home Missions—J. O. Tew, Dr. W. B. Harrell, William Riley.

Obituaries—O. D. Strickland, F. R. Underwood, J. L. Autry.

Baptist Orphanage—W. M. Page, I. T. Newton, Jordan Sessoms.

To Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention—R. N. Butler, W. N. Chesnutt, J. M. Johnson.

Correspondence—Whitney Royal, S. L. Jackson, G. L. Sikes.

To Preach Stated Sermons—R. N. Butler, A. J. Cooper, R. A. Draughon.

Auditing Committee—W. J. Butler, W. J. Faircloth.

12. Elder G. S. Best announced that he would take subscriptions to the *Biblical Recorder* and *Charity and Children.* Elder William Bland that he was soliciting subscriptions for the *Home Field and Foreign Missiou Journal.*

13 The Committee on Religious Exercises announced, 11 a. m. to-morrow, preaching of the Missionary Sermon by Elder W. M. Page; 2 o'clock p. m., preaching at the stand by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

14. On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. to-morow. Prayer, Elder J. O. Tew leading. Sang the S. M. Doxology. Elder F. R. Underwood pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—OCTOBER 29, 1890.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Met as per adjournment. Association called to order by the Moderator, who read the 12th chapter of Acts. Sang Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee." Brother J. C. Howard led in prayer.

1. Called list of Messengers. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

2. Renewed invitation to Visiting and Corresponding Messengers. None present.

3. On motion, the location of the next session was postponed to 3 o'clock p. m.

4. Elder F. R. Underwood read the report of the Executive Board. Pending a motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Elders William R. Johnson, G. S. Best, William Bland, Dr. Harrell and J. L. Autry. The hour for preaching the Missionary Sermon having arived, the Association took a recess to 1 o'clock p. m. Elder W. M. Page then preached the Missionary Sermon at the stand to a large and attentive congregation. Text, Matthew 13: 28. After the Sermon took a collection for Associational Missions amounting to $7.80.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1 O'CLOCK P. M.

Resumed business. The consideration of the report of the Executive Board being the unfinished business, was taken up, when a list of churches was called and the following pledges for Associational Missions made for next year: Antioch $12, James Jackson $5, Brown's $5, Canaan $12, Concord $12, Clement $15, Dunn $15, Elizabeth $10, Hickory Grove $5, Long Branch $5, Lilly's Grove $3, Macedonia $10, Magnolia $5, Mary's Chapel, $5, Mill Creek $10, Mt. Elam $10, Haywood Johnson $2.50, Piney Green $10, Pleasant Union $5, Royal's Chapel $10, Rowan $10, Salem $15, Spring Branch $20, James M. Johnson $5, White Oak $15, Union Grove $10, W. M. Page $5, amounting in the whole to $236.50, when the report was adopted:

In submitting this anual report of Mission work in our bounds, we beg leave to say, that we have supplemented the pastors' salaries at the following points: Dunn in Harnett County $75; Oliver's Grove and Trinity in Johnson County $50 each, and Royal's Chapel in Sampson County $45.50. The reports from all these churches is encouraging; though there has not been many added, we feel that good seed has been sown that will eventually yield an abundant harvest.

Elder W. R. Johnson has preached regularly at Oliver's Grove and Trinity, and reports congregations large and attentive, and increasing. Elder G. S. Best has preached regularly at Royal's Chapel. His labors have been greatly blessed and the church strengthened. Elder J. A. Campbell has supplied the church at Dunn twice a month.

The Board held its meeting in August with the church at Oliver's Grove, and think that much good was done and the Baptist cause in that neighborhood greatly strengthend. The completion of the C. F. & Y. V. Railway from Fayetteville to Wilmington, has opened up several points that should receive the attention of the Association. To continue the work we have already commenced, and send the Word to destitute fields that should be occupied, will require an increase of contributions on the part of the churches. If we do not occupy these fields soon others will. The funds have been too meagre for the prosecution of the work we have begun.

Next year, in order to occupy all stations now open and white for the harvest, it will require at least $350.00. Shall we raise this amount? Brethren, you must decide.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DOWNING, Chairman.

5. Elder W. R. Johnson offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That in future the Executive Board of this Association prosecute its own work.

6. Three o'clock p. m. The special order for this hour being the selection of the place for the next session, the letters from Concord, Mill Creek, Salem and Spring Branch were taken from the table and a list of Messengers called, which resulted in the selection of Mill Creek, Sampson County, N. C.

Preaching at the stand by Dr. W. B. Harrell from Matthew 5:47: "What do ye more than others?"

7. The report on Education was next read by Elder I. T. Newton. Pending a motion to adopt remarks were made by J. L. Autry, G. S. Best, Wm. Bland and I. T. Newton, when a cash collection amounting to $6.91 was taken for the Board of Education at Wake Forest College. Adopted.

The education of the youth of our land demands the earnest efforts and hearty co-operation of all our people. Increased facilities and increased opportunities bring increased responsibilities. More and better equipped academies furnish greater advantages to the rising generation, and to those wishing to avail themselves of the opportunities of higher education are recommended Oxford, Murfreesboro and other female schools for girls ; Judson College for boys and girls, and Wake Forest College for young men. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary holds out abundant opportunity and encouragement to young men seeking to better prepare themselves for the work of the Gospel ministry.

Special attention is called to the offer of Mr. J. H. Bostwick and the present efforts of the President to increase the endowment of Wake Forest College, also to the needs of the Board of Education, which is seeking to aid an increased number of poor but worthy young men in preparing themserves for the more efficient preaching of the Gospel of Christ. Your Committee recommend the consideration of a Baptist School in the bounds of the South River Association.

I. T. NEWTON,
W. H. POPE, } Committee.
D. H. JACKSON,

8. The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association sympathize with the purpose to establish a Baptist school of high grade at Autryville, and that we pledge it our encouragement and patronage so long as properly conducted.

9. The Committee to nominate an Executive Board next reported, recommending I. Royal, Whitney Royal, O. D. Strickland, James M. Johnson, D. H. Jackson, R. N. Butler and Angus Bain. On motion, adopted.

10. Dr. W. B. Harrell read the report on Periodicals. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. W. B. Harrell and others. Adopted.

No denomination of christians can make progress and advancement in this day, as the interests of religion require and the times demand, without the aid of proper journals and periodicals that set forth their views of Scripture doctrine and principles. Recognizing this need and feeling the importance of such means, we have established, as the organ of our people, a most excellent journal at Raleigh, *The Biblical Recorder*, which we regard as a most able exponent of the truth, a fearless defender of the faith and a most needful accessory to the denominational interests which, as Baptists, we hold and maintain. There is also a paper called *Charity and Children*, published at the Orphanage at Thomasville by the Superintendent, Brother J. H. Mills, which is worthy of our support and patronage. We have also *The Kind Words*, published in the interests of our Sunday Schools, and the *Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal*, all of which we recommend most cordially to the attention of our brethren throughout the bounds of our Association. These papers set forth to us the work that is being done by our people in the various parts of the earth, giving us that information about Baptist progress which can no where else be obtained.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

W. B. HARRELL,
GEO. S. BEST, Chairman.

11. Committee on Religious Exercises announce preaching at the stand at 11 a. m. to-morrow by I. T. Newton, and 3 p. m. by F. R. Underwood.

12. On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Elder J. W. Bell lead in prayer.

THIRD DAY—OCTOBER 30, 1890.

9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association is called to order by Moderator Royal. Sang hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Prayer, Elder Wm. Bland leading.

1. Called and corrected list of Messengers.

2. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

3. On motion of Elder W. R. Johnson, speeches were limited to five minutes.

4 On motion, Elder W. M. Page was requested to send a copy of his Sermon yesterday to *The Recorder* for publication.

5. The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board was read. On motion adopted.

6. The Committee to nominate preachers to preach stated sermons at the next session reported as follows: Introductory Sermon, Frank R. Underwood; Missionary Sermon, Dr. W. B. Harrell. Adopted.

7. The Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported as follows: Elders Wm. R. Johnson, F. R. Underwood, Bros. Jas. L. Autry and Robert A Draughon. Adopted.

8. Elder D. W. Tew read the report on Temperance. Pending a motion to adopt remarks were made by Elders D. W. Tew, W. M. Page, I. T. Newton, Dr. W. B. Harrell, Wm. R. Johnson, G. S. Best and Wm. Bland, strongly urging upon Baptists the importance of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks and showing the great amount of crime and misery brought on the human family by the use of intoxicating drink. Adopted.

Intemperance is among the worst *evils* that afflict this nation at the present time, and the indications are that if some decided stand is not taken by us, as christians and heroes, that the remorseless business of drinking and trafficking in alcohol in any of its forms is a crime for which we are and will be to blame. Hence your committee recommend that this body enter its earnest protest against the use of the same in any way except as we would use arsenic when prescribed to us by a competent physician.

Respectfully, D. W. TEW, J. C. HOWARD, B. ELMORE, } Committee.

9. Preaching at the stand by Elder I. T. Newton.

10. Elder Wm. Bland offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the churches comprising this Association are requested to expel all drunkards, distillers and venders of intoxicating drink.

11. Elder Wm. R. Johnson read the report on Sabbath Schools, when remarks were made by Dr. Harrell, O. D. Strickland and others, when the report was adopted as follows:

Report on Sabbath Schools.—We think that the Sabbath School work is one of the best objects of the Association, and should be helped and encouraged by the Association.

12. The Committee to nominate Corresponding Messengers submitted the following, which was adopted: To Raleigh Association, Elders W. M. Page, F. R. Underwood and Dr. W. B. Harrell. To Eastern Association, I. Royal, Elders D. W. Tew and J. W. Bell. Atlantic Association, O. D. Strickland, Wm. Bland and R. A. Draughon. Cedar Creek, Elders J. O. Tew, Wm. R. Johnson and J. B. Downing.

13. Brother R. N. Butler submitted the Treasurer's report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

14. The Committee on Obituaries offered the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee learn, from the church letters, that seventeen of our members have been called to their reward during the last Associational year. We are not able to mention them by name, and for want of information can only record the name of Brother Frederick Matthews, of Clement Church, who recently closed a quiet and consistent christian life, having more than attained his three score years and ten.

Let us seek to emulate the virtues of those who have died in the Lord, and be ready for the summons when it shall come to us. We would extend to all the bereaved among us our sympathy, and pray the Lord that their present light afflictions may work out for them "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

O. D. STRICKLAND,
J. L. AUTRY,
F. R. UNDERWOOD,
Committee.

15. On motion, Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell and Brother Robert A. Draughon were appointed Historians for this Association.

16. Elder Wm. Bland read the report and addressed the Association at considerable length on the subject of Foreign Missions. At the close of Elder Bland's remarks, took a recess to 1 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session, 1 o'clock p. m. Resumed business. The consideration of the report on Foreign Missions being the unfinished business, a list of the Churches was called and the following pledges made: Antioch, $5.00; A. A. Page, $1.00; Clement, $5.00; Dunn, $5.00; Hickory Grove, $1.00; Long Branch, $5.00; Lilly's Grove, $1.00; R. H. King, $1.00; Haywood Johnson, $1.00; W. N. Cesnutt, 50 cents; Royal's Chapel, $1.00; Salem, $2.00; Spring Branch, $5.00; Trinity, $1.00; White Oak, $1.00,—amounting to $35.50. Adopted.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that it is a matter of profound joy and gratitude to God, that during the last year the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention had *about* 200 Missionaries in the foreign fields, and paid *about* $100,000 on these missions. God has visited many of His Southern people and made them feel that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and, inspired by this grace and awaking out of the sleep of apathy and indifference to missions, many of the Churches and Associations and Conventions of our Southern land have imbibed, in the last three or four years, a far greater measure of the Spirit of Jesus as expressed in the great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Most encouraging, indeed, are the reports that come to us from all these Missionaries—from Mexico, Brazil, China, Japan, Italy and Africa, of the good work the Lord is doing there, through their efforts, for those without hope and without God in the world.

The world, both pagan and heathen, is ready to receive the Gospel, and what is the duty of every church member, every church, and every association? Let Christ answer the question: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Go, contribute your means, and pray,—all "as the Lord has prospered you."

WM. BLAND,
A. A. PAGE,
BLACKMAN WILLIAMS,
Committee.

17. Brother Whitney Royal offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Dr. W. B. Harrell, R. A. Draughon, F. R. Underwood, J. L. Autry and A. J. Cooper, be appointed to call a Sunday School Convention of this Association, at whatever time and place they may think best.

18. Elder I. T. Newton read the report on Orphanage. Dr. Harrell addressed the Association on behalf of the Orphanage at Thomasville, when a collection was taken for this object amounting to $9.54. Adopted.

Our Orphanage at Thomasville reports continued increase in the number of orphans received, enlargement in the work, and, therefore, increased need of contributions. Anyone giving $1.00 to the Orphanage, and sending up his address, will receive *Charity and Children* for one year. This paper is recommended for its accounts of the Orphanage work and other valuable reading matter. A kind Father has blessed our land with abundant harvest. Therefore, let the churches of the South River Association send up larger contributions, and pray the blessing of heaven upon the Orphanage and its work.

W. M. PAGE,
I. T. NEWTON,
JORDAN SESSOMS,
Committee.

19. Dr. Harrell submitted the report on Home Missions. After remaks by Elders Wm. R. Johnson, Dr. Harrell and I. T Newton, the report was adopted :

The Committee beg leave to say that the Home Mission work, as undertaken and prosecuted by the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, embracing, as it does, the proclamation of Gospel throughout the Southern States and the island of Cuba, claims and should receive the hearty support and co-operation of every member of the whole body of Baptists in the Southern country.

The opposition that is met by our brother Diaz to the preaching of the Gospel (as we hold it) in the island of Cuba, among the darkness of Romish ignorance and superstition—his unjust and cruel imprisonment by them—and the many obstacles thrown in the way of his preaching by the Popish power that rules and controls the whole island, call forth the prayers and earnest labors, and liberal contributions of Baptists, who are "set for the defense of the truth" in all the earth, more than ever before at any period of our history.

We would, therefore, ask our brethren to open their hearts and purses freely, in the support of our Home Mission work, and thus aid in carrying the Gospel of Salvation to the distant sections of the Country and States contemplated by the Board whom we have placed over this important interest.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. TEW, Chairman.

20. The Financial Committee submitted their report, which was adopted:

21. The following report was read by the Committee on State Missions. After remarks by Dr. Harrell, W. R. Johnson and I. T. Newton, a list of the Churches was called, and the following pledges made: D. H. Jackson, $1.00; D. W. Tew, $1.00; W. H. Pope, $1.00; Antioch, $3.00; Clement, $3.00; Dunn, $3.00; Long Branch, $2.00; Lilly's Grove,

$2.00; Mary's Chapel, $1.00; Oliver's Grove, 50 cents; Rowan, $1.00; Salem, $2.00; Spring Branch, $5.00; White Oak, $2.00; making in the whole $27.50. On motion, adopted:

The Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention has more Missionaries now in the field than at any time in its past history. This enlarged work imperatively demands increased liberality on the part of the churches. It behooves the South River Association to do her proportional part in giving the Gospel to the destitute places in our State. It is all important that the Board should be able to report itself out of debt at the approaching session of the Convention. Let us, if possible, enable it to do this, and also encourage it to enlarge its work for the next year.

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
R. A. DRAUGHON,
WHITNEY ROYAL,
Committee.

22. The 13th Article of the Constitution is amended by striking out the words, "Tuesday after the 4th Sabbath," and insert in lieu thereof "Thursday before the second Sabbath."

23. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be cordially extended to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of the entire community, for the very liberal manner in which they have supported the Association during its present session.

24. On motion, ordered that the Clerk have $10.00 for his services, and expend the balance of the money in printing and distributing the Minutes.

25. On motion, adjourned. Closing exercises conducted by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF WHITNEY ROYAL, TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FROM OCTOBER 25th, 1889, TO OCTOBER 28th, 1890.

DR.		CR.	
To Amount Received October 25th, 1889,	$23 77	Paid to Elder W. R. Johnson	$100 00
Antioch	11 65	“ “ G. S. Best	45 50
Brown's	2 10	“ “ J. A. Campbell	75 00
Baptist Chapel	4 60	Book for Treasurer	25
Canaan	4 50	“ “ Secretary	40
Concord	4 37		
Clement	10 70		
Elizabeth	5 00		
Dunn	6 41		
Long Branch	2 05		
Lilly's Grove	2 00		
Magnolia	2 25		
Macedonia	3 65		
Mt. Elam	7 65		
Piney Green	2 91		
Pleasant Union	2 00		
Royal's Chapel	4 10		
Salem	11 70		
Spring Branch	16 65		
Union Grove	7 45		
White Oak	7 66		
Public Collections	28 53		
October 25th, 1890, rec'd from Finance Committee	49 45		
Total Receipts,	$221 15		$221 15

Audited and found correct.

W. J. BUTLER,
W. J. FAIRCLOTH.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Robert N. Butler, Treasurer of South River Baptist Association.

1889.	DR.	
Oct.	Received from Finance Committee:	
	Minute Fund	$28 71
	State Missions	82 82
	Foreign Missions	31 44
	Baptist Orphanage	20 90
	Ministerial Education	4 30
	Home Missions	4 47
	Collection at Association: Foreign Missions	1 64
	Ministerial Education	11 00
1890.	Baptist Orphanage	27 31
	White Oak, Baptist Orphanage	3 28
	" Ministerial Education	1 55
	" Church Debt	45
	" Home Missions	1 15
	" Foreign Missions	1 72
	Salem, Baptist Orphanage	5 00
	" Church Debt	1 60
	" Foreign Missions	2 64
	Clement, Church Debt	1 35
	Macedonia, Church Debt	1 10
	Union Grove, Church Debt	60
	Canaan, Church Debt	85
	Antioch, Church Debt	1 12
	Collected at Clement, Foreign Missions	40
	Total	$235 40

1889.	CR.	
	By counterfeit money	25
	By amount to J. B. Downing for Minutes	28 71
	" " " W. Royal, Treasurer Executive Board	84 64
	" " " J. D. Newton, Baptist Orphanage	48 21
	" " " Treasurer B. S. Convention, at sundry times	67 01
	" " " J. M. Johnson for Church Debt	5 25
	" " Overpaid last year	72
	" Postage	61
	Total	$235 40

ROBERT N. BUTLER,
Treasurer.

We have examined the above account of the Treasurer and find it correct.

W. J. BUTLER,
W. J. FAIRCLOTH, } Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Colporteur.	Oliver's Grove.
Antioch	$ 2 00	3 51				5 00			1 61
Baptist Chapel	1 05	3 00							
Brown's	75	2 00							
Canaan	1 25	5 25	1 00	2 00	2 00				
Concord	2 00	5 44							
Clement	2 00	71	5 00			5 00			
Dunn	1 50	1 50	2 00	50		50			
Elizabeth	1 00	1 50							
Evergreen									
Hickory Grove	1 00								
Long Branch	1 10	6 00							
Lilly's Grove	1 25	5 00	2 00			2 00			
Macedonia	1 15	5 00							
Mary's Chapel	1 00					3 00			
Magnolia	1 25	1 52							
Mill Creek	1 00	2 85	2 85	50					
Mt. Elam	2 00	2 65							
Oliver's Grove	55	2 00							
Piney Green	70	5 50							
Pleasant Union	1 00	2 50	5 40	1 10					
Rowan	1 50	4 00							
Royal's Chapel	80	1 00				2 00			
Salem	2 70	4 45	1 00		3 37	2 00			
Spring Branch	2 00	3 00	6 88		3 12	5 00			
Trinity	1 00	1 00							
Union Grove	1 00	2 00				2 00			
White Oak	1 25	3 96	3 35	2 00		90	78	75	
Sherwood S. S.			3 48						
Collection		7 80			6 91				
Total	$33 80	$83 14	$32 96	$6 10	$15 40	$27 40	.78	.75	$1 61

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. DRAUGHON, } Com. of Finance.
T. E. HOWARD, }

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch	20	8	2		2	1	79	101	180	....
Baptist Chapel.	[illegible]	.	[illegible]	9	1	4	63	103	166	Not given in Church Letter.
Brown's	...	3	..	16	..	1	41	31	72	" " " " "
Canaan	3	2	..	..	..	1	26	41	67	3rd Sabbath and day before.
Concord	4	1	4	1	5		49	100	149	4th " " " "
Clement	5	2	1	...	2	2	47	41	88	4th " " " "
Dunn	3	6	..	2	1	3	30	32	62	1st and 2d Sabbath.
Elizabeth	11	8	1	2	..	..	25	31	56	4th Sabbath and day before.
Evergreen	..	..		..	..	..	..	...	....	....
Hickory Grove	3	..	..	....	3	..	34	43	77	2d Sabbath and day before.
Long Branch..	1	1	..	4	2	1	58	64	122	3d " " " "
Lilly's Grove ..	...	2	..	....	1	..	24	23	4[illegible]	1st " " " "
Macedonia	3	5	2	5	5	..	28	45	7[illegible]	1st " " " "
Magnolia	...	..	..	1	4	..	4[illegible]	67	10[illegible]	Not given in Church Letter.
Mary's Chapel.	...	10	..	....		..	20	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	" " " " "
Mill Creek ...	9	2	..	4	2	2	23	3[illegible]	5[illegible]	2d Sabbath and day before.
Mt. Elam	5	..	..	3	..	1	44	[illegible]5	99	3d " " " "
Oliver's Grove.	2	..	..	....			[illegible]		7[illegible]	....
Piney Green ..	11	..	2	4	4	4	57	[illegible]	174	4th Sabbath and day before.
Pleasant Union	.	1	..	..	..		45	[illegible]	105	Not given in Church Letter.
Rowan	14	6	..	1	..	1	41	[illegible]	116	" " " " "
Royal's Chapel.	19	9	..	.....	..	..	24	25	49	[illegible]d Sabbath and day before.
Salem	...		..	3	..		75	111	186	[illegible]d " " " "
Spring Branch	25	2	1	1	2	3	109	18[illegible]	292	1st " " " "
Trinity	2		..	....	..	..	5	15	20	[illegible]d " " " "
Union Grove ..	10	2	..	....		1	27	30	57	1st " " " "
White Oak ...	4	2	2	5	1	2	26	6[illegible]	88	Not given in Church Letter.
	160	73	20	63	35	28	104[illegible]	1520	2[illegible]	

Paid for all Objects During Year.—Antioch $88.64, Concord $86.81, Dunn 332.78, Macedonia $60.70, Mary's Chapel $10, Mill Creek $39.20, Mt. Elam $50.85, Salem $154.34 ; Spring Branch $220.90. Total $993.75.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	No. of Teachers	Number of Pupils.	Total.	No. Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.	
						SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES.
Antioch	5	80	85	105	55	Angus Bain	Kyle's Landing
Baptist Chapel		...	....	....	....		
Brown's		...	....	....	..		
Canaan		....	....	....	...		
Concord	5	30	35	...	....	Love D. Hall	Autryville
Clement		....	....	....	....		
Dunn	6	50	56	50	....	Dr. W. B. Harrell	Dunn
Elizabeth	5	62	67	..	40	J. C. Howard	Clinton
Evergreen		....	....	...	....		
Hickory Grove		....	....	....	....		
Long Branch	3	58	61	....	...	J. W. Autry	Dismal
Lilly's Grove	4	24	28	....	15	M. F. Underwood	Fayetteville
Macedonia	6	84	90	..	30	Dal. Carter	Buckhorn
Magnolia		....	....	....	....		
Mary's Chapel	5	76	81	....	50	G. W. Wiggins	Keener
Mill Creek	5	40	45	....	30	W. S. Howard	Roseboro
Mt. Elam	4	65	69	....	....	S. A. Jackson	Bass, N. C.
Oliver's Grove		35	....	....	....	Not given	
Piney Green	6	50	56	...	....	R. Honeycutt	Beaman's X Roads
Pleasant Union	4	40	44	....	20	J. H. Howard	Hayne
Rowan	4	50	54	....	25	B. S. Peterson	Clinton
Royal's Chapel	3	35	38	....	20	E. S. Herring	Clinton
Salem	5	96	101	50	75	W. J. Butler	Huntley
Spring Branch	4	94	98	....	...	O. D. Strickland	Giles's Mills
Trinity		....	...	...	....		
Union Grove	3	40	43	...	....	Henry Tew	Chance
White Oak	5	75	80	...	80	J. A. Underwood	Clinton
	82	1049	1131	205	446		

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Asssociation shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association, except the privilege of voting.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members by ballot, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the sessons of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messenger.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OEFICES.
Antioch	W. M. Page	Godwin	I. Strickland	Godwin
Baptist Chapel	F. R. Underwood	Glenwood	S. B. Page	Clement
Brown's	J. W. Bell	Clinton	J. H. McCullen	Not given in Ch. Letter.
Canaan	F. R. Underwood	Glenwood	H C. McNeill	Dunn
Concord	W. M. Page	Godwin	Jas. B. Jackson	Autryville
Clement	F. R. Underwood	Glenwood	T. M. Royal	Clement
Dunn	J. A. Campbell	Dunn	Dr. W. B. Harrell	Dunn
Elizabeth	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	W. J. Watson	Clinton
Evergreen				
Hickory Grove	J. W. Bell	Clinton	J. A. Beaman	Clinton
Long Branch	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	H. J. Hall	Dismal
Lilly's Grove	J. O. Tew	Clinton	S. F. Breece	Fayetteville
Macedonia	C. E. Beard	Winnie	M. H. Sessom	Buckhorn
Magnolia	E. J. Edwards	Cedar Creek	J. H. Bryant	Stedman
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Bell	Clinton	W. A. McCullen	Keener
Mill Creek	C. E. Beard	Winnie	M. Sessoms	Roseboro
Mt. Elam	J. O. Tew	Clinton	B Warren	Bass
Oliver's Grove	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	Haywood Johnson	Four Oaks
Piney Green	R. Honeycutt	Beaman's X Roads	A. Royal	Huntly
Pleasant Union	J. G. Fisher	Roslin	Ochie Fisher	Owenville
Rowan	G. S. Best	Warsaw	C. E. Shipp	Clinton
Royal's Chapel	G. S. Best	Warsaw	D. W. Tew	Clinton
Salem	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. C. Howard	Huntly
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Dunn	N. A. Layton	Dunn
Trinity	W. M. Page	Godwin	D. J. Wood	Not given in Letter
Union Grove	W. M Page	Godwin	C. Williams	Clement
White Oak	J. L Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton

, PLACES, ETC., OF SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

anized at Baptist Chapel, Sampson County, North Carolina, November 30th, 1877.

M	TEXT.	MISSIONARY SERMON—BY WHOM PREACHED.	TEXT.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER.
cold		Elder J. T. Townsend	Prov. 15: 32	A. B. Alderman	G. W. Highsmith	J. L. Autry
	1st Cor. 6: 20	Elder A. B. Alderman	Not known	“ “	“ “	“ “
	Psalm 10: 33	Elder A. B. Alderman	Math. 13: 47-48	“ “	John B. Downing	“ “
	Exod. 14: 15.	W. M. Page	Math 24: 14	“ “	“ “ “	RobertHighsmith
	John 19: 30	J. N. Stalling	John 12: 34	“ “	Isham Royal	“ “
	Mark 16: 15-16	Reuben Newton	Not Known	“ “	John B. Downing	“ “
	2d Sam'l 3: 33-34	W. M. Page		Isham Royal	“ “ “	Kadar Vann
	1st Kings 20-40	W. M. Page	1st Cor. 3: 9	“ “	“ “ “	“ “
	Rom. 5: 20	R. T. Bryan	Math. 3: 8-11	“ “	“ “ “	“ “
	John 9: 9	W. M. Page	Rom. 13: 11	“ “	R. A. Draughon	Haynes L. Hall
	Luke 17-9	J. O. Tew	1st Kings 19: 13	“ “	“ “	“ “ “
	John 3: 16	Not preached		“ “	John B. Downing	Robert N. Butler.
	Subject, Joseph of Arimathea	F. R. Underwood	Rom. 10: 12	“ “	“ “ “	“ “ “
	Isaiah 43: 1	W. M. Page	Math. 13: 38	“ “	“ “ “	“ “ “

Time of next meeting, October 8th, 1891.
Place of meeting, Mill Creek, Sampson County, N. C.
To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder F. R. Underwood.
To preach Missionary Sermon, Dr. W. B. Harrell.

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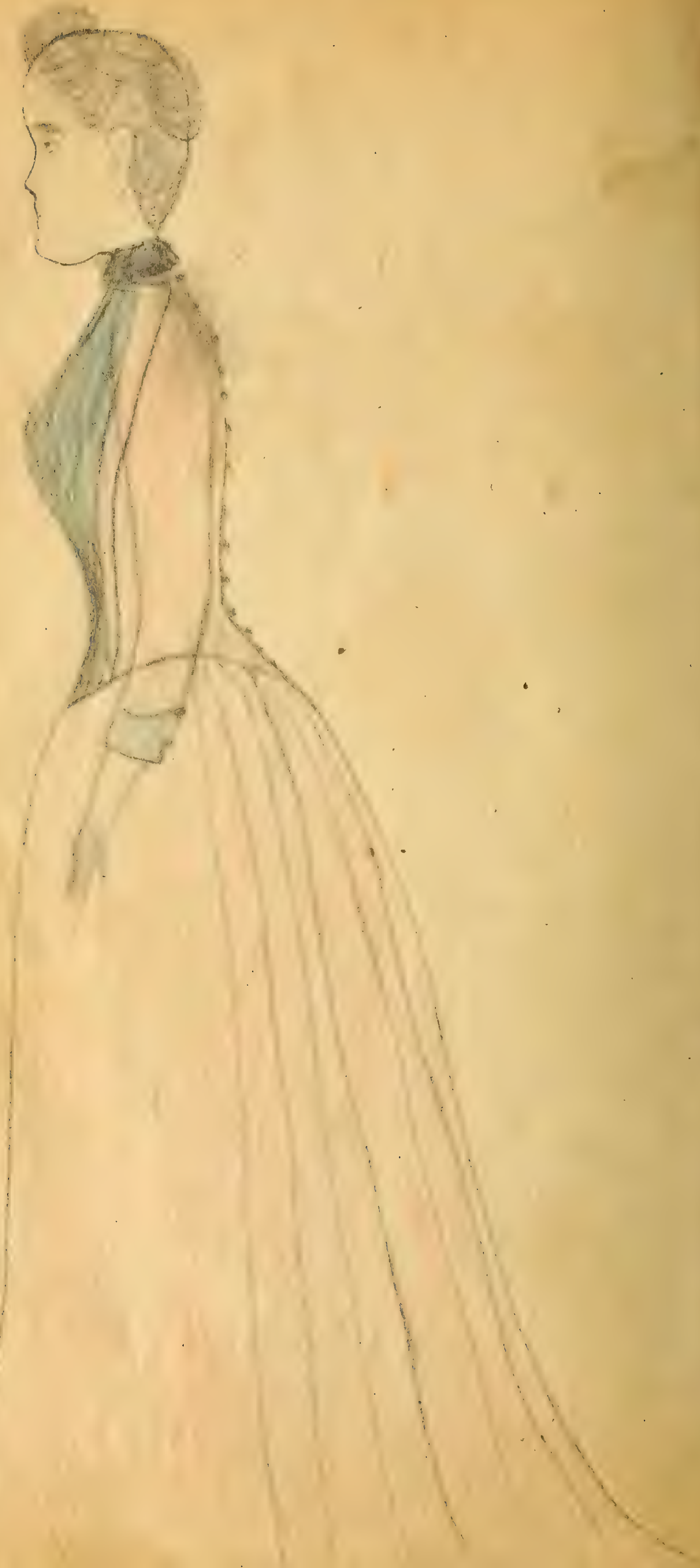

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Officers of Association and their Post Offices.

Isham Royal, Moderator, Huntley, Sampson county, N. C.
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Executive Board and their Post Offices.

Isham Royal, Chairman, Huntley, Sampson county, N. C.
Whitney Royal, Cl'k and Treas., Clinton, " " "
Robert N. Butler, - - " " " "
Dempsey H. Jackson, Hawley's Store, " " "
James M. Johnson, McKoy, - " " "
Ollen D. Strickland, Giles' Mill, " " "
Angus Bain, Godwin, Cumberland - - " "

List of Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

Wiley M. Page, Godwin, Cumberland county, N. C.
Wm. R. Johnson, Buckhorn, " " "
Reuben Fisher, Stedman, " " "
John O. Tew, Clinton, Sampson " "
Daniel W. Tew, Beaman's Cross Roads, Sampson Co., N. C.
J. W. Bell, Clinton, - - - " " "
Redin Honeycutt, Beaman's Cross Roads, " " "
Frank R. Underwood, Glenwood, - " " "
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store, - - " " "
Dr. W. B. Harrell, Dunn, Harnett county, N. C.
S. C. Page, Rhodes', Cumberland " "
Wm. C. West, Fayetteville, " " "

PROCEEDINGS.

MILL CREEK, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,
October 15th, 1891.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 15th Annual Session with this Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Elder F. R. Underwood. Text, Numbers 14: 24th: "But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it." Subject, following God fully.

After the sermon, took a recess for three-quarters of an hour for refreshments, when the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. I. Royal, who read the 1st chapter of 1st Peter. Elder J. O. Tew led in prayer.

1. Called a list of the churches, when a large majority was found present.

2. The Moderator appointed Brethren I. Strickland and Robert A. Draughon Committee of Finance, and Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell and Rev. F. R. Underwood Reading Clerks.

3. Called a list of the Churches and enrolled Messengers as follows, viz.:

Antioch—I. Strickland, Geo. A. Bain.
Baptist Chapel—R. B. Bass, O. B. Tew.
Brown's—Henry Hare, Jesse Simmons.
Canaan—D. H. Jackson, T. E. Howard*, J. H. Boon*.
Concord—J. B. Downing, Dan'l J. Davis, Rev. Wm. R. Johnson.
Clement—D. C. Matthews, J. B. Royal, Blackman Williams*.
Dunn—J. B. Hollan, Eldridge Lee, Rob't A. Draughon.
Elizabeth—J. C. Howard, Thos. Faircloth*, Amos McLemore.
Evergreen—Daniel Hales, Paton V. Fisher.
Hickory Grove—H. Jones.
Long Branch—L. W. Autry, Jasper Horne, Wilson Faircloth.
Lilly's Grove—S. J. Guy.
Macedonia—M. H. Sessoms, Andrew Overton.
Mary's Chapel—James Hollingsworth, M. J. Bradshaw.
Magnolia—J. H. Faircloth, W. T. Fisher.
Mill Creek—Wm. S. Howard, U. Sessoms. F. H. Horne.
Mt. Elam—S. A. Jackson, Wm. Strickland.
Oliver's Grove—Haywood Johnson.
Piney Green—Not represented.
Pleasant Union—A. E. Hall*, L. Faircloth, John H. Fisher.

Rowan—W. N. Chestnutt, M. A. Malpas.
Royal's Chapel—Whitney Royal, Herbert Butler, Wm. Butler.
Salem—I. Royal, A. J. Cooper, J. E. Howard.
Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, D. Williford, J. G. Layton.
Trinity—James M. Johnson, Joel A. Hudson.
Union Grove—J. A. Williams*, Octavus Williams*.
White Oak—F. Gotier, R. N. Butler, A. R. Crumpler.

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*Absent without leave.

4. On motion, the letters from Elizabeth, Spring Branch and Autryville having petitions for the next session was laid on the table.

5. The term of office of the present officers having expired, on motion, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year.

6. The Moderator appointed Tellers as follows: Moderator—Elder J. O. Tew and Bro. Eldridge Lee; Clerk—Brethren O. D. Strickland and David Williford; Treasurer—James M. Johnson and A. J. Cooper. Result:—Bro. I. Royal re-elected Moderator, J. B. Downing re-elected Clerk, Robert N. Butler re-elected Treasurer.

7. Invitation was then given to visiting and corresponding messengers, when Rev. W. F. Watson from the Sandy Creek Association, Rev. E. J. Edwards, Agent for the *North Carolina Baptist*, from the Cedar Creek Association, W. W. Hobbs and Rev. G. S. Best, from the Eastern Association, announced themselves and were welcomed. Rev. G. S. Best announced that he would take subscriptions for the *Biblical Recorder* and *Charity and Children.*

8. Called for petitionary letters, when the Baptist Church at Autryville (newly constituted) presented her letter asking for admittance in this body. On motion the Church was received and the following enrolled as Messengers: Elder F. R. Underwood, F. I. McKinzie and W. T. Hall, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator; also the Baptist Church at Roseboro (newly constituted) presented her letter asking admission. On motion the Church was received and W. A. Fisher, L. S. Baker and W. J. Fisher enrolled as Messengers.

9. The Moderator announced the following committees to report at this session:

Periodicals—E. J. Edwards, J. L. Autry, M. H. Sessoms.
State Missions—W. F. Watson, D. H. Jackson, Henry Hare.
Foreign Missions—F. R. Underwood, O. D. Strickland, J. B. Hollan.
Education—Dr. W. B. Harrell, A. J. Cooper, D. C. Matthews.
Sabbath Schools—W. R. Johnson, Wm. Howard, J. M. Johnson.
Temperance—J. O. Tew, T. E. Howard, R. N. Butler.
Home Missions—G. S. Best, R. S. Westbrooks, G. A. Bain.

Baptist Orphanage—Levi Bryant, Andrew Overton, A. M. Butler.

Members of Executive Board—Redin Honeycutt, J. O. Tew, A. J. Cooper.

Obituaries—D. J. Davis, J. B. Downing, F. I. McKinzie.

Nominated Delegates to Baptist State Convention—J. C. Howard, R. N. Butler, J. H. Boon.

Correspondence— T. E. Howard, W. Royal, J. H. Faircloth.

On Stated Sermons—J. B. Downing, Robert A. Draughon.

Auditing Committee—Eldridge Lee, F. I. McKinzie.

Baptist Mission Relief Board—F. R. Underwood, I. Royal, Octavius Williams.

On Constitution—W. R. Johnson, J. L. Autry, T. E. Howard.

Religious Exercises—Pastors and officers of this Church with F. R. Underwood.

10. On motion, took the letters from Elizabeth, Spring Branch and Autryville from the table and proceeded to locate next session, when a call of a list of messengers resulted in the selection of Autryville, Sampson County, N. C.

11. On motion, agreed to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 A. M., to-morrow.

12. On motion, adjourned to 9:30 A. M., to-morrow. Sang the Long Metre Doxology. Benediction by Elder F. R. Underwood.

SECOND DAY.

OCTOBER 16th, 1891, 9:30 A. M.

Met as per adjournment. Sang hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee." The Moderator read the 5th Psalm. Prayer by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

1. Called roll of Messengers. Read and approved Minutes of yesterday.

2. Renewed invitation to visiting brethren. Elder Levi Bryant, Elder C E. Beard and Elder D. S. Bullard, from the Cedar Creek Association, announced themselves and were welcomed.

3. Read letters and enrolled Messengers from churches not represented on yesterday.

4. On motion, the Association adjourned to the Stand, when the Moderator called Elder D. S. Bullard to the Chair, when the report of the Executive Board was read by the Chairman, Bro. Isham Royal. Elder W. F. Watson read the report on State Missions in connection with the report of Executive Board, when, on motion, the report of the Executive Board relating to Roseboro Church was made the special order for 2 o'clock P. M.

5. On motion, agreed to discuss the reports in connection; when the Association was addressed at some length by Elder W. F. Watson. At the close of Elder Watson's remarks the following pledges were made for Associational and State Missions:

	ASSOCIATION.	STATE.
Antioch	$12 00	$3 00
Baptist Chapel	5 00	
Brown's	5 00	1 00
Canaan	10 00	2 00
Concord	10 00	3 00
Dunn	10 00	3 00
Elizabeth	10 00	5 00
Evergreen	3 00	
Long Branch	3 00	2 00
Lilly's Grove	5 00	2 00
Macedonia	10 00	2 00
Magnolia	2 00	2 00
Mary's Chapel	5 00	
Mill Creek	8 00	2 00
Pleasant Union	5 00	5 00
Rowan	5 00	1 00
Royal's Chapel	5 00	1 00
Salem	15 00	5 00
Spring Branch	20 00	5 00
Trinity	4 00	1 00
Union Grove	8 00	2 00
White Oak	16 00	2 00
Autryville	5 00	2 50
Total	$191 00	$54 50

On motion, took a recess to 1:30 o'clock P. M. The Missionary Sermon was then preached by the appointee, Dr. W. B. Harrell, from Luke, 2nd chapter, 30th, 31st and 32nd verses, "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." At the close of the sermon a collection, amounting to $12.73, was taken for Association Missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

6. Leave of absence for the remainder of the term was granted Eldridge Lee, J. B. Hollan, Wm. Strickland, J. H. Faircloth and Dr. W. B. Harrell.

7. Renewed invitation to visiting brethren, when Bro. J. C. Caddell of the the *Biblical Recorder*, Rev. J. D. Newton of the Baptist Orphanage, and Rev. O. P. Meeks of the Eastern Association accepted the invitation and were welcomed.

8. The special order for 2 o'clock being the consideration of that part of the report of the Executive Board relating to Roseboro was called up, when the Association was addressed by Elder Wm. R. Johnson. At the close of Bro. Johnson's remarks a cash collection amounting to $7.15, and pledges to the amount of $12.00—$19.15, was taken to aid in building a house for the Church at Roseboro, when the reports of the Executive Board and State Missions were adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board, in making this the Thirteenth Annual Report, congratulates the Association that we have been enabled to prosecute the work of Missions in our bounds thus far clear of debt, in the increased interest in its Mission work, in contributing more funds for the last year's work, thereby enabling the Board to enlarge its borders and occupy more territory. We trust that our work, both as an educator and a messenger of glad tidings, will continue until all the destitution within our borders is occupied, and we may be able to reach out our arms to other sections now sitting in the region and shadow of death. "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you; for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

Elder W. M. Page has preached regularly at Trinity, visited several families and held some prayer meetings. He reports congregations good and attentive.

Elder G. S. Best has had charge of the Church at Royal's Chapel, preaching regularly and faithfully, since our last session. He reports a good meeting of several days, at which there were two baptisms. The prospects are encouraging.

Elder J. O. Tew has occupied the field at Oliver's Grove. His reports are somewhat encouraging, three having joined by baptism and others having manifested an interest. Brother Tew travels about 80 miles every trip. The Church proposes hereafter to support its pastor without calling on the Board for aid.

The report from Dunn is cheering. Elder W. F. Watson commenced his work there the first of April, and he preaches four sermons a month. There have been several accessions to this Church by letters and baptism.

At the beginning of the year we assigned Elder W. R. Johnson to Roseboro, a station on the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway, at which place he has preached at stated times each month. He labored under difficulties all the year, for want of a suitable place to preach. As a result of the work, a church has been constituted there with eleven members—six by letter and five by baptism. The prospects are fair for a strong, faithful and live church. The brethren are making efforts to build a neat and comfortable house of worship within the next six months. The Railway Company have promised to donate a site for same. The building of the house has been contracted for at the sum of $782.50. The Board commends this effort to the liberality of the brethren, and calls upon them to aid this struggling church.

The above is a statement of the work and its results for the last year.

You will see from this report that our work is very much scattered, or spread out in different sections of the Association.

We need $350.00 or $400.00 for the work during the next year. "Wait on the Lord and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land."

Respectfully submitted,
ISHAM ROYAL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Mission work embraces the destitute sections of our own State. The motto of the Board is a Baptist church in every town, hamlet and community in North Carolina, recognizing the fact that all territory not now occupied by Baptists is Missionary ground. The work of the past is a source of inspiration. The denomination has received in church property, secured by Missionaries of the Board during the last ten years, more than every dollar expended on the work.

This year the Board will spend $16,500.00 on this work with a force consisting of 118 consecrated men of God, who feel that they must give the gospel to those who have it not within the border of our own State.

Your Committee would recommend that the churches of this Association do as liberally by the Board as they reasonably can, and thus help on the work of evangelizing that part of the world denominated North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. WATSON,
D. H. JACKSON,
HENRY HARE,
Committee.

Preaching at the Stand by Elder J. D. Newton.

9. Elder F. R. Underwood read the report on Foreign Missions. Pending a motion to adopt, the Association was addressed at length by Elder O. P. Meeks. At the close of Elder Meeks' remarks the following pledges were made for Foreign Missions: Antioch $4, Baptist Chapel $2, Brown's $1, Canaan $1, Clement $1, Dunn $3, Elizabeth $1, Evergreen $1, Hickory Grove $5, Long Branch $1, Macedonia $1, Magnolia $2, Mill Creek $1, Bro. Haywood Jackson paid 50 cents, Pleasant Union $10, Rowan $1, Royal's Chapel $1, Salem $10, Spring Branch $5, Trinity $1, White Oak $3, Roseboro $1, Autryville $1. Total $57.50. Report adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has Missionaries laboring in China, Italy, Africa, South America, Mexico and among the Chinese in California. Of these six great fields North Carolina has Missionaries in three—Africa, China and Mexico, and the force is being increased by frequent additions. As co-laborers in this great work, it is our privilege and imperative duty to sustain, by our prayers and contributions, those who have gone out from among us to labor in these far off lands for the salvation of those who know not God as He is revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. Thus we may all obey the last command of the risen Christ: "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
O. D. STRICKLAND,
J. B. HOLLAN,
Committee.

10. Committee on Constitution reported. Adopted.

11. On motion, the consideration of the report on Orphanage was made the special order for 11 A. M. to-morrow.

12. Committee to nominate preachers to preach stated sermons at the next Session reported as follows: To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. O. Tew; to preach Missionary Sermon, W. F. Watson. On motion, adopted.

13. Rev. W. R. Johnson read the report on Sabbath Schools. Addresses by Elders Wm. R. Johnson and Levi Bryant. On motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SABBAH SCHOOLS.

It appears from what information there is at hand that there is rapid progress being made in this glorious work, but not more so than ought to be, as we think, when we look around and see such a great field white for harvest. We believe it to be one of the greatest means of grace within our reach. It is not only the source of thousands being converted to a saving knowledge of God, but it is also a means of growth in grace and sanctification to the saints.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. JOHNSON,
WM. HOWARD,
J. M. JOHNSON.

14. Committee to nominate an Executive Board reported as follows: Isham Royal, Whitney Royal, James M. Johnson, Ollen D. Strickland, Angus Bain, Robert N. Butler, Dempsey H. Jackson. Adopted.

15. Committee to nominate corresponding messengers reported as follows: To Eastern Association, I. Royal, R. N. Butler and Elder J. O. Tew; to Cedar Creek Association, Elder Wm. R. Johnson, John B. Downing and F. H. Howard; to Raleigh Association, Elder F. R. Underwood and Rev. Dr. W. B. Harrell; to Atlantic, Elder W. M. Page, J. E. Howard and Ollen D. Strickland. Adopted.

16. The Moderator announced the following committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board: S. J. Guy, R. N. Butler and J. M. Johnson.

17. On motion, adjourned to 9:30 o'clock A. M. tomorrow. Sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Elder Levi Bryant led in prayer. Rev. O. P. Meeks pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 17th, 1891, 9:30 A. M.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional Exercises conducted by Elder E. J. Edwards. Called and corrected roll of messengers. Read and approved Minutes of yesterday.

1. On motion, agreed to hold the Sessions of to-day at the Stand.

2. The following resolution was offered by Rev. O. P. Meeks and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that our Southern Baptist Convention proposes to raise a special fund next year as an offering of gratitude to God for his wonderful blessings upon our Missionary efforts the past hundred years, this Association give one day of its Session next year to a programme of exercises upon this subject.

The Moderator appointed J. L. Autry, R. A. Draughon and Elder W. F. Watson a committee to prepare a programme to carry into effect the above resolution.

3. Elder E. J. Edwards read the report on Periodicals. Pending a motion to adopt remarks were made by E. J. Edwards and J. C. Caddell.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee, believing a religious paper to be an educator, would advise every family in the South River Association to subscribe to some first-class denominational paper. The *Recorder* is the recognized organ of the denomination, and well known throughout the State. *Charity and Children*, our orphanage paper, and *Foreign Mission Journal* are all worthy our support.

E. J. EDWARDS, Chm'n,
J. L. AUTRY,
M. H. SESSOMS.

4. The special order for 11 o'clock A. M. being the consideration of the report on the Baptist Orphanage. Elder Levi Bryant read the report. The Association was addressed by Elder J. D. Newton. At the close of Elder Newton's address a collection was taken for the Orphanage. (The Clerk failed to get the amount.)

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Thomasville, appeals to our benevolence in many ways, viz: 1st. The Savior accepts as done to himself what we do for the afflicted destitute.—Matt. xxv: 35th. 2nd. We imitate the Savior's great sympathetic heart when he came to our rescue. 3rd. If we reject them God will reject us.—Matt. xxv: 45. 4th. There is policy in it. If we support others we can hope that ours in like destitution will be cared for. To administer to the needy developes our christian character, causes our light to shine to the glory of God and the uplifting of a brother.

We recommend that each church in this association take one collection during the year for the orphanage, and that Sunday Schools take monthly collections for this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

5. The report on Education was read by Dr. W. B. Harrell, when it was made the special order for 1 o'clock P. M.

6. The Finance Committee submitted their report. On motion adopted and ordered to pay the funds in their hands over to Treasurer.

7. On motion, took a recess to 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business.

8. The special order for 1 o'clock being the consideration of the report on Education, Bro. J. A. Oats read the report of South River Association Baptist Institute in connection with the report on Education. Pending a motion to adopt addresses were made by Brethren J. C. Caddell and J. A. Oats, and the following pledges made for Education: Elizabeth $1, Salem $5, Spring Branch $3, White Oak $2, Autryville $2. Total $13.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to offer the following:

The subject of education is one that should interest and deeply concern the whole of our people. The youth of our land must not be left to grow up in ignorance. If they are they will grow to be criminals and anarchists, and will fill our jails and penitentiaries without number. As an Association we trust we are alive to this matter, and to this end we have in our midst the South River Baptist Institute, located at Autryville, which is worthy of our highest regard and entire support. The Principal, who is a most excellent brother, gifted and qualified fully for his work, is now filling a noble and grand position in the bounds of our Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B, HARRELL, Chm'n.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF SOUTH RIVER INSTITUTE.

As Principal of your Associational School, the "South River Baptist Institute," located at Autryville, Sampson County, N. C., I beg leave to submit the following brief resort:

By consultation and agreement with Capt. Jas. L. Autry, the donor of the property, the School was opened August 3rd, 1891, with the following corps of instructors:

The Principal, instructor in Collegiate, Academic and Intermediate course; F. I. McKenzie, Penmanship; Miss Annie Clute, Music and Primary.

During the current term there has been organized a Literary Society, meeting each Thursday evening, and a Young Ladies' Reading Circle, meeting semi-monthly on Wednesday afternoons, and a circulating library in connection with the school, which is already doing good work.

To date the enrollment has amounted to 41.

Religious facilities of the village and community are exceedingly good. School building in good condition and commodious. Terms of tuition and further particulars are appended herewith.

It is hoped that the Association will make this school the child of her especial care, supporting it by influence and patronage, not as a sectional school, but for the whole Association. I believe the school properly advanced will do more for the Association than any other one element.

Brethren, the school is not mine but yours, support and foster it for its good to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. A. OATES, Jr., Principal.

9. Bro. D. J. Davis read the report on Obituaries. On motion, adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the letters from the various churches that compose the South River Association, and find that the total loss resulting from death during the Associational year is 28.

The following was offered by Mill Creek Church in connection with the report on Obituaries, and on motion ordered to be printed in the Minutes:

Mill Creek Church has been made to mourn the loss of her oldest and best brother in the death of Daniel Horn. Brother Horn was born 1804 and died August 4th, 1891, being in his 88th year. He made a profession of religion and connected himself with the Baptist Church at Beaver Dam, Bladen county, September 1832. Some years after he transferred his membership to Corinth, Sampson County. In 1880 he assisted in the organization of this church, giving it the name of Mill Creek, and it being nearer his home he connected himself with the same by letter of dismission from Corinth.

Brother Horn was a pious and devout christian, being temperate in all things and a total abstainer from the use of tobacco and spirits. He paid his debts and gave liberally of his means to the support of the gospel. He was a diligent bible student and loved the truth as Baptists hold it, being always willing to speak in its defence. His house was a welcome home to those who preached the gospel, and notwithstanding his great age he attended church services several times during the present year. He remained conscious to the last, anxiously awaiting his release.

We believe a righteous man has died. The body was conveyed to the tomb by his many friends, there to await the resurrection of the just.

10. The Treasurer of the Executive Board submitted his annual report. On motion adopted. [See report.]

11. Bro. F. I McKinzie read the report of the Treasurer of the South River Association. On motion, adopted. [See report.]

12. Elder J. O. Tew then read the report on Temperance. Pending a motion to adopt addresses were made by Elders G. S. Best, Wm. R. Johnson, J. O. Tew and the Moderator:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe temperance to be a bible doctrine. St. Paul, in his Epistle to the Gallations, speaking of the fruits of the Spirit, classes temperance with other inward qualifications. He also reasoned with Felix on temperance (Acts 24:25), and in 2 Peter 1:6 he exhorted christians to add to knowledge temperance and to temperance patience; also, in Tit. 1 and 8? speaking of the qualifications of bishops, he holds that a bishop should be sober, just, holy, temperate; and in 2nd chapter 2nd verse he speaks to the aged men that they should be sober, grave, temperate. Therefore, brethren, with these scriptures and others we could mention had we the space, we urge the leading members of our churches to press the importance of total abstinence from strong drinks upon the minds of all the brethren, as we believe it is a sin to take a drink to gratify the taste; we also advise the churches to co-operate with every lawful movement to put down and drive from our land the whiskey traffic, and, furthermore, not to support a man at the ballot box who frequents the bar rooms and participates in strong drinks.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. Tew,
T. E. Howard,
Rob't N. Butler.

13. The Committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board reported as follows: A. J. Cooper, R. A. Draughon, O. D. Strickland, Blackman Williams and A. Royal. On motion, adopted.

14. Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention submitted the following report: Isham Royal, R. A. Draughon, R. N. Butler, J. L. Autry, Dr. W. B. Harrell, Elder J. O. Tew, Elder Wm. R. Johnson. We recommend that any Brother who may attend the Convention be considered a delegate until the necessary number is completed.

On motion, adopted.

15. The report on Home Missions was read by Elder G. S. Best. Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our home field embraces the Southern Baptist Convention. The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., embraces the following objects: 1, Indian missions, 2, work among the colored people, 3, among the foreign population in the South, 4, among the native white population in the Southwest, 5, work in the Island of Cuba, 6, in the publication of Sunday School literature.

We would respectfully call attention to our "Home Field and Kind Word Series," published at Atlanta, Ga. We feel that we as a body should inform ourselves as to the work of the home field, and liberally donate our funds to carry on this grand work. The Lord seems to be blessing our home work.

The Holy Spirit work in our midst should encourage us to enlarged efforts in the home field.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

16. The report of the Committee on Baptist Ministers' Relief Board was read by the Moderator. Adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

This is a new Board of the Baptist State Convention, and is located at Durham, N. C. Its object is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist Ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are seven now on the list, and other worthy ones are applying for aid. The Board also desires to know of any aged and needy ministers in our Association who are not provided for. The Board is dependent upon the contributions of the churches to do its work. A recent legacy of $6,000 from Brother Melke, of Lumberton, is not yet available, and will not be for some years. We ask, therefore, that the churches put this Board on their lists of objects of benevolence, and that our pastors request their congregations to contribute regularly and liberally to its support.

F. R. UNDERWOOD,
ISHAM ROYAL,
OCTAVIUS WILLIAMS,
Committee.

17. On motion, ordered that the Clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services, and expend the balance of the money in printing and distributing Minutes.

18. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be cordially extended to the brethren, sisters and friends of the entire community for the very liberal manner in which they have supported the Association during its present session.

On motion, adjourned. Closing exercises conducted by Elder J. O. Tew.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator.
JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board of the South River Baptist Association.

WHITNEY ROYAL, TREASURER, IN ACC'T WITH SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

1890.	DR.	
Nov. 28.	To amount received from R. N. Butler, Treasurer of the Associaton	$33 69
	Antioch Church	7 99
	Canaan "	4 55
	Elizabeth "	7 90
	Pleasant Union Church	4 60
	Mt. Elam "	5 00
	Royal's Chapel "	3 95
	Salem "	12 16
	Spring Branch "	20 05
	White Oak "	8 35
	Piney Green "	1 10
	Concord "	4 59
	Macedonia "	9 95
	Mill Creek "	9 00
	Baptist Chapel "	8 35
	Clement "	9 25
	Union Grove "	7 85
	Brown's "	3 90
	Long Branch "	3 35
	Magnolia "	90
	Dunn "	4 00
	Lilly's Grove "	2 71
	W. M. Page, on pledge	2 00
	James Jackson "	1 00
	Public Collection	24 26
1891.		
Oct. 16.	Received from R. N. Butler, Treasurer of Association	29 30
	Total received during the year	$229 75

1890.	CR.	
Nov. 28.	Paid Elder G. S. Best	$38 50
"	" W. R. Johnson	50 00
"	" W. M. Page	42 50
"	" J. O. Tew	50 00
"	" W. F. Watson	48 75
	Total disbursements	$229 75

WHITNEY ROYAL, Treasurer.

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

F. I. McKENZIE,
ELDRIDGE LEE,
Auditing Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Sabbath School Board,	For Roseboro Chuch.
Antioch	$ 1 20	$ 4 01	$ 3 00	$ 1 50	$.....	$	$....		$.....
Baptist Chapel	1 35	3 00	......	1 00	.....	.....	.....	...	......
Brown's	1 00	2 91	......	.....	.....	......	....	.....	.....
Canaan	1 00	7 45	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
Concord	1 00	2 30	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
Clement	2 00	5 50	.....	....	......	......	......	.....	......
Dunn	1 00	10 35	4 00	5 00	......	......	......	.....	......
Elizabeth	1 00	3 00	......	.....	......	......	......	.....	.....
Evergreen	1 30	.....	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
Hickory Grove	1 00	5 00	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
Long Branch	1 00	......	....	2 65	2 70	2 00	.....	.....	......
Lilly's Grove	1 40	3 00	2 00	1 00	......	......	......	.....	......
Macedonia	2 20	3 10	......	....	......	70	.....	.....	......
Mary's Chapel	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	......	......	......	.....	......
Magnolia	90	5 00	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
Mill Creek	1 35	1 75	1 90	1 90	......	2 10	.....	...	......
Mt. Elam	1 50	2 10	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
Oliver's Grove	75	3 00	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
Piney Green	......	......	......	.....	......	......	......	.....	......
Pleasant Union	50	1 00	......	5 00	......	30	.....	...	......
Roseboro	50	......	......	......	......	......	.. .	.....	......
Rowan	1 50	10 00	1 00	50	......	......	......	.....	......
Royal's Chapel	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	......	......	......	.....	......
Salem	2 50	3 80	2 00	4 12	......	......	2 38	.....	......
Spring Branch	3 00	1 51	5 00	6 12	1 88	......	3 00	.....	......
Trinity	1 10	2 70	......	50	......	......	......	.....	......
Union Grove	1 00	3 70	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
White Oak	1 25	2 00	1 00	1 00	45	2 00	1 10	....	......
Autryville	1 00	1 00	......	......	......	......	......	.....	......
Collection	......	12 73	......	......	......	2 41	.....	....	7 15
	$35 30	105 41	$21 90	$32 29	$ 5 03	$ 9 51	$6 48	....	$ 7 15

ROB'T A. DRAUGHON,
. STRICKLAND,
Finance Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Robert N. Butler, Tresurer of the South River Association, from October 28th, 1890, to October 15th. 1891.

1890.		DR.	
October.--Received from Finance Committee:—			
“	“	Minute Fund	$ 33 80
“	“	State Missions	33 69
“	“	Foreign Missions	32 96
“	“	Baptist Orphanage	6 10
“	“	Ministerial Education	15 40
“	“	Home Missions	27 40
“	“	Sunday School Board	78
“	“	Colporteur	75
“	“	for Oliver's Grove	1 61
“	“	collection at Association, Baptist Orphanage	9 59
December.	“	Salem, Baptist Orphanage	2 57
1891.			
March.	“	Union Meeting at Union Grove:—	
“	“	Trinity, Foreign Missions	1 10
“	“	Salem, Foreign Missions	4 21
“	“	Salem, Home Missions	3 56
“	“	Magnolia, Foreign Missions	60
“	“	White Oak, Foreign Missions	35
“	“	White Oak, Home Missions	2 98
“	“	collection, Ministers' Relief Fund	4 36
“	“	collection for Church at Roseboro	7 31
May.	“	Union Meeting at Salem:—	
“	“	Pleasant Union, Foreign Missions	1 61
“	“	Salem, Baptist Orphanage	2 50
“	“	Salem, Ministerial Education	2 70
“	“	collection for Church at Roseboro	7 00
August.	“	Union Meeting at Spring Branch:—	
“	“	White Oak, State Missions	1 30
“	“	“ “ Foreign Missions	1 45
“	“	“ “ Baptist Orphanage	1 40
“	“	“ “ Ministerial Education	31
“	“	“ “ Home Missions	1 33
“	“	collection for Church at Roseboro	2 80
		Total	$211 52

1890.			CR.	
October.—By amount to			J. B. Downing, Minute Fund	$33 80
“	“	“	I. T. Newton for Baptist Orphanage	9 59
November.	“	“	Treasurer B. S. Convention	82 92
“	“	“	W. Royal, Treasurer Executive Board	33 69
“	“	“	W. Royal for Oliver's Grove	1 61
December.	“	“	Treasurer B. S. Convention	2 57
1891.				
March.	“	“	Treasurer B. S. Convention	17 04
June.	“	“	Treasurer B. S. Convention	6 71
Sept.	“	“	Treasurer B. S. Convention	5 69
“	Money Order, Fees and Postage			79
			Total	$194 41

ROBERT N. BUTLER, Treasurer.

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it to be correct.

F. I. McKENZIE,
ELDRIDGE LEE,
Auditing Committee.

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Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Totals.	Paid for all objects during year.	TIME OF MEETING.
Antioch.......	7	..	..	3	5	2	76	103	179	101 20	2nd Sabbath and day before
Autryville	...	..	..	..	..	.	11	8	19	....	3rd " " " "
Baptist Chapel	21	2	5	1	1	2	77	117	194	....	Not given in Church Letter.
Brown's.	12	1	6	11	4	1	41	42	83	81 00	4th Sabbath and day before.
Canaan........	..	..	.	9	3	1	14	18	32	80 45	Not given in Church Letter.
Concord... ...	11	..	3	5	5	2	47	102	149	89 69	4th Sabbath and day before.
Clement	8	..	..	..	..	..	48	48	96	......	Not given in Church Letter.
Dunn.........	17	15	1	3	5	2	38	52	90	830 47	2nd and 4th Sabbaths.
Elizabeth.....	4	3	Nothing more given in letter.								2nd Sabbath and day before.
Evergreen	6	5	..	10	3	1	22	20	42	....	1st Sabbath and day before.
Hickory Grove	14	1	..	.	2	2	39	46	85	....	1st Sabbath and day before.
Long Branch..	11	1	1	9	4	3	59	63	122	89 42	2nd Sabbath and day before.
Lilly's Grove..	8	5	..	2	6	1	22	26	48	132 72	1st Sabbath and day before.
Macedonia....	6	..	3	..	3	..	29	42	71	....	1st Sabbath and day before.
Magnolia......	...	..	.	2	..	2	38	62	100	......	....
Mary's Chapel.	2	..	..	..	..	1	23	39	62	78 00	1st Sabbath and day before.
Mill Creek	...	..	1	3	1	1	21	34	55	....	2nd Sabbath and day before.
Mt. Elam	...	..	..	1	.	1	39	53	92	30 00	Not given in Church Letter.
Oliver's Grove.	No Statistics given in letter.										
Piney Green ..	Not represented.							....	.	....	
Pleasant Union	17	.	1	3	1	..	54	69	123	......	Not given in Church Letter.
Roseboro......	5	6	..	.	..	.	9	2	11	....	Not given in Church Letter.
Rowan..	18	..	1	4	..	1	45	83	128	....	2nd Sabbath and day before.
Royal's Chapel	2	1	..	2	1	..	27	27	54	....	Not given in Church Letter.
Salem	4	1	..	11	..	2	72	98	170	171 60	3rd Sabbath and day before.
Spring Branch	8	3	..	2	2	3	~~107~~	~~159~~	266	202 51	1st Sabbath and day before.
Trinity	...	..	..	1	..	..	5	17	22	....	3rd Sabbath and day before.
Union Grove..	1	4	..	1	1	..	27	32	59	....	Not given in Church Letter.
White Oak	3	3	..	2	1	..	27	64	91	135 78	1st Sabbath and day before.
	185	51	22	85	46	28	1017	1426	2443	$2,022 84	

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	No. of Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Total.	No. Volumes in Library.	Average Attendance.	School Expenses.	SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.	
							SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Antioch	4	62	66	105	35	.....	A. Bain	Kyle's Landing ....
Autryville.......		...	....	....	....	....		
Baptist Chapel...	4	83	87	....	.. .	.....	W. B. Malloy	Hawley's Store. . .
Brown's	..		....	..	....	....		
Canaan..........	..	...	....	....	....	.....		
Concord	5	57	62	....	....	.....	W. B. Horne.....	Autryville
Clement.	..	....	115	....	...	.. .	Not given in letter	
Dunn...........	8	57	65	....	42	25 00	R. G. Taylor	Dunn
Elizabeth........	5	60	65	....	40	.....	W. L. Stephens...	Clinton
Evergreen... ...		....	....	..	....	....		
Hickory Grove ..	..	....	....	....	....	.....		
Long Branch ...	5	78	83	...	....	2 50	L. W. Autry	Autryville
Lilly's Grove....	5	58	63	..	35	2 27	M. F. Underwood	Fayetteville
Macedonia.......	5	89	94	..	50	.....	Andrew Overton..	Stedman
Magnolia........	4	50	54	...	45	.....	J. B. Bryant	Stedman
Mary's Chapel...	4	60	64	....	...	4 00	G. W. Hobbs	Keener
Mill Creek ..	4	57	61	...	50	....	W. S. Howard....	Roseboro
Mt. Elam	2	69	71	....	....	.....	B. Warren	Hawley's Store .....
Oliver's Grove ..	..	....	....	...	....	.....		
Piney Green....	..	...	....	....	...	.....		
Pleasant Union..	4	50	54	....	....	.....	A. S. Hall	Autryville..........
Roseboro...	3	13	16	....	....	....	P. M. Bullard	Roseboro ....
Rowan...	..	....	....	....	....	.....		
Royal's Chapel ..	..	....	.	....	....	.....		
Salem	15	105	110	50	50	10 00	I. Royal	Huntly ....
Spring Branch...	4	50	54	....	...	4 82	O. D. Strickland..	Giles' Mills.........
Trinity	..	.. .	...	....	...	... .		
Union Grove.....	3	75	78	....	50	.....	C. M. Hall	Clement............
White Oak.......	5	70	75	....	60	.....	E. S. Herring.....	Clinton.............
	79	1277	1356	155	477	48 59		

TABLE SHOWING TIMES, PLACES, ETC., OF

THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED AT BAPTIST

DATES.	Place of Meeting,	Introductory Sermon—by whom preached.	TEXT.
1877	Baptist Chapel,	Not preached on acc't extreme cold.	- - - -
1878	Piney Green, Sampson co.,	R Fisher,	1st Cor. 6:20,
1879	Concord, Cabarrus county,	W M Page,	Psalm 10:33,
1880	Ebenezer, Sampson county,	J T Townsend,	Exodus 14:15,
1881	Brown's, Sampson county,	J O Tew,	John 19:30,
1882	Long Branch, Sampson co.,	H J Duncan,	Mark 16:15-16,
1883	Spring Branch, Sampson co.,	J O Tew,	2d Sam'l 3:33-34,
1884	White Oak, Sampson county,	Wm R Johnson,	1st Kings 20-40,
1885	Magnolia, Cumberland co.,	H J Duncan,	Romans 5:20,
1886	Union Grove, Sampson co.,	J O Tew,	John 9-9,
1887	Canaan, Sampson county,	I T Newton,	Luke 17:9,
1888	Rowan, Sampson county,	Wm R Johnson,	John 3:16,
1889	Dunn, Harnett county,	J A Speight	Subject, Joseph of Arimathea,
1890	Hickory Grove, Sampson co.,	Wm R Johnson	Isaiah 43:1,
1891	Mill Creek, Sampson county,	F R Underwood,	Numbers 14:24,

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHAPEL, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C., NOVEMBER 30, 1877.

Missionary Sermon—by whom preached.	TEXT.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
J T Townsend, –	Prov. 15:52,	A B Alderman,	G W Highsmith,	J L Autry.
A B Alderman, -	Not known,	“ “	“ “	“ “
A B Alderman, –	Math. 13:47-48’	“ “	John B Downing	“ “
W M Page, - -	Mathew 24:14,	“ “	“ “	Robert Highsmith.
J N Stallings, –	John 12:34,	“ “	Isham Royal,	“ “
Reuben Newton, –	Not known,	“ “	John B Downing	“ “
W M Page, –	·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ··	Isham Royal,	“ “	Kader Vann.
W M Page, –	1st Cor. 3:9	“ “	“ “	“ “
R T Bryan, – –	Math. 3:8-11	“ “	“ “	“ “
W M Page, ’	Rom. 13:11	“ “	R A Draughon,	Haynes L Hall.
J O Tew, - -	1st Kings 19:13	“ “	“ “	“ “ “
Not preached, -	·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ·· ··	“ “	John B Downing	Robert N Butler.
F R Underwood, -	Rom. 10:12,	“ “	“ “	“ “ “
W M Page, -	Math. 13:38	“ “	“ “	“ “ “
W B Harrell, -	Luke 2:30,31,32	“ “	“ “	“ “ “

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together, and a Moderator *pro tem*. shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely: which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association: and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messenger.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Antioch	W. M. Page	Godwin N. C.	I. Strickland	Godwin N. C.
Autryville	F. R. Underwood	Autryville "	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville "
Baptist Chapel	F. R. Underwood	Autryville "	Blackman Page	Clement "
Brown's	G. S. Best	Warsaw "	J. H. McCullan	Keener's "
Canaan	J. O. Tew	Clinton "	T. E. Howard	Not given.
Concord	W. M. Page	Godwin "	John B. Downing	Buckhorn "
Clement	F. R. Underwood	Autryville "	Not given in Ch. letter.	
Dunn	W. F. Watson	Dunn "	W. B. Harrell	Dunn "
Elizabeth	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn "	W. J. Watson	Clinton "
Evergreen	R. Fisher	Stedman "	A. D. Bedsole	Clay Fork "
Hickory Grove	J. W. Bell	Clinton "	J. A. Beaman	Clinton "
Long Branch	D. S. Bullard	Clay Fork "	H. I. Hall	Autryville "
Lilly's Grove	A. R. Pittman	Alford "	S. F. Breece	Fayetteville. "
Macedonia	C. E. Beard	Winnie "	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn "
Magnolia	E J. Edwards	Cedar Creek "	J. H. Bryant	Stedman "
Mary's Chapel	G. S. Best	Warsaw "	M. J. Bradshaw	Keener "
Mill Creek	C. E. Beard	Winnie "	U Sessoms	Roseboro "
Mt. Elam	J. O. Tew	Clinton "	O. M Jackson	Not given.
Oliver's Grove				
Piney Green	Not represented.			
Pleasant Union	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek "	Not given in Ch. letter.	
Roseboro	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek "	Reddin Butler	Roseboro "
Rowan	G. S. Best	Warsaw "	B. F. Byrd	Clinton "
Royal's Chapel				
Salem	J. L. Stewart	Clinton "	J. C. Howard	Huntly "
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Poe's "	N. A. Layton	Dunn "
Trinity	W. M. Page	Godwin "	D. J. Wood	Rome "
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Godwin "	W. Williams	Clement "
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton "	J. R. Butler.	Clinton "

Place of next meeting, Autryville, Sampson County, N. C.
Time of meeting, October 19th, 1892.
To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder J. O. Tew.
To preach Missionary Sermon, W. F. Watson.

Autryville Sampson Co.
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Officers of Association and their Post Offices.

Isham Royal, Moderator, Huntley, Sampson county, N. C.
John B. Downing, Clerk, Buckhorn, Cumberland, " " "
Robert N. Butler, Treasurer, Clinton, Sampson " " "

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Executive Board and their Post Offices.

Isham Royal, Chairman, Huntley, Sampson county, N C.
Whitney Royal, Cl'k and Treas., Clinton, " " " "
Robert N. Butler, - - " " " " "
Dempsey H. Jackson, Hawley's Store, " " " "
James M. Johnson, McKoy, - " " " "
Ollen D. Strickland, Giles Mills, : " " " "
Angus Bain, Godwin, - Cumberland " " "

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List of Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

Wiley M. Page, Godwin, Cumberland county, N. C.
Wm. R. Johnson, Buckhorn, " " "
Reuben Fisher, Clement, " " "
John O. Tew, Clinton, Sampson " "
Daniel W. Tew, Beaman's Cross Roads, Sampson Co., N. C.
J. W. Bell, Clinton, - - - " " "
Reddin Honeycutt, Beaman's Cross Roads, " " "
W. F. Watson, Dunn, Harnett - - - " "
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store, - " " "
W. B. Harrell, Dunn, Harnett county, N. C.
S. C. Page, Rhodes', Cumberland " "
Wm. C. West, Fayetteville, " " "

PROCEEDINGS.

AUTRYVILLE, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 19th, 1892.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 16th Annual Session with this Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Rev. J. O. Tew, from Romans 12:1 "I beseech you, therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." At the close of the sermon, took a recess to 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30, P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Isham Royal, who read the 34th Psalm. Rev. W. S. Melvin, led in prayer.

An address of welcome on behalf of the church at Autryville, was delivered by the pastor, Rev. I. T. Newton, which was responded to by Dr. Harrrell.

1. Appointed Revs. I. T. Newton, and D. W. Tew, Reading Clerks, and Brethren A. E. Alderman, J. A. Underwood, Finance Committee; Preaching in the church by Dr. Harrell, Text, 1st Samuel, 2:25.

2. Called list of Churches, a large majority present.

3. Read Church letters and enrolled Messengers, as follows:

Antioch—I. Strickland, Angus Bain, G. W. Starling.
Autryville—J. T. Williams*, J. B. Johnson*, D. K. Hale.
Baptist Chapel—A. A. Page*.
Canaan—Bryant Elmore, D. H. Jackson.
Concord—Rev. W. R. Johnson. John B. Downing Duncan Bedsole.
Clement—W. B. Matthews*, C. M. Hall*, and D. W. Royal*.
Dunn—Eldrige Lee.
Elizabeth—W. L. Stephens*, K. Faircloth*.
Evergreen—Rev. Reuben Fisher, K. S. Cartey*, W. M. Jackson.
Hickory Grove— ————————, A. H. Strickland*.
Long Branch—H. I. Hall, Joel Horne, George Autry.
Lilly's Grove—Rev. W. C. West.
Macedonia—A. Overton. H. C. Carter, Alfred F. Jones.
Magnolia—John B. Bryant, H. S. Averitt, I. C. Strickland.
Mill Creek—F. H. Horne*, John Horne, H. G. Bullard.
Mt. Elam—B. Warren*, John W. Strickland.
Piney Green—Amma Royal, W. W. Draughon*, D. A. Honeycutt*.
Pleasant Union—J. F. Hall*, A. S. Hall.

Rowan—P. O'Quinn. J. T. Chestnutt.
Royal's Chapel—H. Butler*, Rev. D. W. Tew.
Salem—I. Royal, Isaac C. Howard*, S. A. Howard*.
Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, J. C. Williford, G. W. Naylor.
Union Grove—W. Williams, Henry Dudley*, Henry Tew.
White Oak—A. C Crumpler, J. A. Underwood, J. R. Butler*.

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*Absent without leave.

4. On motion the letter from Piney Green having a petition for the next session was laid on the table.

5. The term of office of the present officers having expired, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Appointed tellers as follows: Moderator, I. Strickland and R. N. Butler; Clerk, J. L. Autry, I. C. Howard; Treasurer, H. I. Hall, A. A. Page; Results: I. Royal re-elected Moderator, Jon B. Downing re elected Clerk, Robert N. Butler re-elected Treasurer.

6. Gave an invitation to visiting and corresponding messengers, when D. J. Clark, from St. Joseph's Church, J. E. Britt, from the Eastern Association, Revs. D. S. Bullard and W. S. Melvin, from the Cedar Creek Association, and Rev. I. T. Newton, from the Central Association accepted the invitation and were welcomed. Elder D. S. Bullard announced that he would take subscriptions to the Biblical Redorder. Bro. J. L. Autry announced that he would take subscriptions for the North Carolina Baptist.

7. Appointed the pastor and officers of this church, with Bro. J. L. Autry, a committee on religious exercises, and the following committees to report at this session:

Periodicals—D. S. Bullard, J. L. Autry, W. L. Stephens.
State Missions—I. T. Newton, H. I. Hall, J. B. Bryant.
Foreign Missions—W. B. Harrell, Andrew Overton, John Horn
Education—I. Royal, D. W. Tew, Henry C. Carter.
Sabbath Schools—W. R. Johnson, W. Royal. S. A. Howard.
Temperance—W. S. Melvin, W. M. Page, Jas. E. Britt.
Home Missions—Reuben Fisher, R. N. Butler, G. W. Naylor.
Baptist Orphanage—S. C. Page, D. Jackson, A. S. Hall.
Nominate Executive Board—J. L. Autry. J. T. Williams, Duncan Bedsole.
Obituaries—O. D. Strickland, Angus Bain, P. O'Quinn.
Nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention—J. C. Williford, I. C. Howard, A. F. Jones.
Correspondence—D. J. Davis, F. H. Horne, R. N. Butler.
Stated Sermons—W. Royal, S. A. Howard, John B. Downing.
Auditing Committee—I. Strickland, D. W. Tew, A. F. Jones.
Baptist Mission Relief Board—J. O. Tew, Dr. W. B. Harrell, Reuben Fisher.

8. Committee on Religious Exercises announced that Rev. W. S. Melvin would preach to-night at 7;30, p. m., Rev. D. J. Clark at 11, a. m., to-morrow

9. On motion took the letter from Piney Green having a petition for the next Session from the table, and proceeded to locate the next session. On motion agreed to meet with the church at Piney Green.

10. On motion adjourned to 9:30, a. m., to-morrow. Rev. D. J. Clark led in prayer. Sang: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by Rev. Wiley M. Page.

SECOND DAY.

OCTOBER 20TH, 1892, 9:30, A. M.

The Association met and was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by C. Durham, D. D.

1. Call roll of messengers. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

2. Renewed invitation to visiting and corresponding messengers, when C. Durham, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, C. E. Taylor, President Wake Forest College, E. J. Edwards, Agent Baptist Orphanage, J. M. G. Scott, representing Pulpit Commentary, Wm. S. Fisher, from the Cedar Creek Association, Rev. O. P. Meeks and H. J. Duncan from the Eastern Association accepted the invitation and were welcomed.

3. I. Royal, Chairman Executive Committee, read the report of the Executive Board. I. T. Newton read the report on State Missions. On motion agreed to discuss them in connection, when Revs. W. R, Johnson and C. Durham, addressed the body at considerable length, when rolls of churches was called, and the following amounts pledged for Missions.

CHURCHES.	ASSOCIATIONAL.	STATE.	FOREIGN.
	$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.
Antioch,	12 00,	3 00,	25 00
Autryville,			10 00
Baptist Chapel,	5 00,	5 00,	20 00
Canaan	3 00,	5 00,	06 00
Concord,			5 00
Clemet,	5 00,	5 00,	15 00
Dunn,	10 00,	5 00,	65 00
Elizabeth,	2 50,	2 50,	3 00
Evergreen,			2 00
Hickory Grove,	5 00,	1 00,	
Long Branch,	3 00,	2 00,	
Macedonia,	3 00,	2 00.	
Magnolia,	4 00,	4 00,	4 00

Mt. Elam,	$ 2 50,	$ 2 50.	
Piney Green	4 00,	4 00,	
Pleasant Union,	7 00,	7 00,	5 00
Roseboro,	1 00,	1 00,	
Rowan,	2 50,	2 50.	
Royal's Chapel,	3 00,	2 00,	2 00
Salem,	10 00,	15 00,	25 00
Spring Branch,	15 00,	5 00,	25 00
Trinity.	2 50,	2 50,	
Union Grove	2 90,		2 00
White Oak,	10 00,	2 00,	
H. I. Hall,			1 00
P. O'Quinn,			1 00
Total,	$109 90	$68 00	216 00

Collected for State and Associational Missions, $5.22.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We present the following report of the work of Associational Missions: We supplemented the salary of Elder W. F. Watson at Dunn during the year. His ministry there has been crowned with success. About fifty have been added to the church. We also aided the church at Roseboro, and Elder W. R. Johnson, the pastor, was doing a successful work until stricken down with sickness. The brethren here have met with difficulties and losses, but notwithstanding these, they have their house of worship in process of erection, and expect to be able to occupy it next spring. We gave a small amount towards paying Elder J. O. Tew, the pastor at Royal's Chapel. Elders F. R. Underwood and J. O. Tew were sent each one time to Parkersburg, but there not being sufficient encouragement we concluded not to occupy the field. There are several fields presenting themselves to our consideration, but in many places it is difficult to get a house.

Respectfully Submitted,
Isham Royal,
Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

For more than one hundred years the Baptists have been engaged in State Missions. In this work our fathers laid the foundation for our present lage numbers and prosperous churches and institutions. They saw that it was only as they did this one work, wisely and well, that they could best prepare our people for the work of education, Foreign Missions and the Orphanage. Through the past one hundred years this work has, from year to year, been enlarged to the present time. There are now in the Mission churches and the destitute sections of our State, by the arrangements of the Board and through the Associations, one hundred and seven brethren preaching the gospel. The Baptist State Convention says that all efforts to give the gospel to the destitute points of our State, whether under the appointment of Associations or the Board, is properly called State Missions. We recommend:

1. That at least once a year the pastors give their people something of the history, Developments and work of State Missions.

2. That each church, and every member of each church, be asked to aid State Missions by their prayers and contributions.

3. That this work be enlarged and wisely pressed till a Baptist church is organized in every destitute neighborhood in the State.

COMMITTEE.

On motion adopted.

4. The report on the Orphanage was read by E. J. Edwards. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. E. J. Edwards, when a collection was taken amounting to $2.49.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville and is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina. There is at present 125 children at the Institution, promising boys and girls, dependent upon the good people of the State for food, clothes and education. The Lord has laid this work upon our hands. It needs our immediate attention. Resolved, therefore, that churches of the South River Association be requested to take one collection during the year for this object, and that the Sunday Schools contribute monthly. "He that giveth to the poor lendth to the Lord." COMMITTEE.

5. The Moderator read the report on Education. Pending a motion to adopt, the association took a recess to 1:15, p. m. Benediction by J. O. Tew.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:15, p. m.

Resumed business.

The consideration of the report on Education being the unfinished business was called, and discussed by C. E. Taylor, O. P. Meeks, C. Durham and I. T. Newton. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The subject of Education demands our attention and action at all times. The youth of our land must be trained to make systematic farmers, systematic teachers, systematic thinkers in all the departments of life. We need first-class preparatory schools to prepare young men and women for the various duties of life, and for entrance in our college. South River Baptist Institute—the child of the Association, under the principalship of Prof. Wm. Bland, is receiving a liberal share of patronage, but it ought to have at least seventy five pupils. It is OUR school and we should rally to its support We are pleased to report that Wake Forest College is in a prosperous condition. The last season was in all respects the most prosperous that the college has known during its whole history. Two hundred and thirty three students were present. But there ought to be a much largèr number of our Baptist young men at the college. We earnestly request that pastors and the brethren of the churches shall seek out young men and encourage them to go to Wake Forest College. Last year about seventy young Baptist preachees were at the college preparing themselves for better work in the ministry. Of these, more than forty were aided by the Educational Board of the Baptist State Convention. This year more than thirty have been received for aid by the Board, This is as many as the money contributed by the churches will warrant the Board in undertaking to help so far. But there are twenty others, recommended as good men by their churches, who are beseeching the Board for aid in getting better education. We reccommend that every church in the association shall try to raise all that it can for this important object.

Respectfully submitted.

ISHAM ROYAL. }
D. W. DEW. } Committee.
H C., CARTER, }

6. Dr. Harrell read the report on Foreign Missions. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. W. B. Harrell and C. Durham, when it was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow.

7. Committee to nominate preachers to preach stated sermons reported as follows : To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. W. R. Johnson; Missionary Sermon, Rev. W. M. Page. On motion adopted.

8. Committee to nominate an Executive Board reported as follows: Isham Royal, Whitney Royal, Robert N. Butler, Ollen D. Strickland, Angus Bain, James M. Johnson, Dempsey H. Jackson. On motion adopted.

9. The report of Treasurer of Executive Board was read. On motion adopted.

APPENDIX.

Treasurer's Report of the Executive Board.

From Oct. 15th, 1891, to Oct. 19th, 1892.

DR.

1891		
Oct. 16.	To amount received from R. N. Butler, Treasurer of Association	76 11
	Antioch Church	10 50
	Baptist Chapel	2 45
	Browns Church	2 20
	Canaan "	3 52
	Concord "	2 10
	Clement "	9 15
	Elizabeth "	6 02
	Dunn "	9 00
	Hickory Grove Church	72
	Lilly's Grove "	1 55
	Macedonia "	4 00
	Mt. Elam "	3 35
	Mill Creek "	6 92
	Pleasant Union "	4 00
	Piney Green "	3 98
	Royal's Chapel "	3 80
	Salem "	9 14
	Spring Branch "	13 46
	Trinity "	1 60
	Union Grove "	4 83
	White Oak "	15 17
	Roseboro "	1 25
	Autryville "	3 70
	Public Collection	8 87
	W. M. Page,	1 75
	Total	$209 14

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1892.		
Oct. 19.	Paid Elder W. F. Watson	$100 00
	" " W. R. Johnson	50 00
	" " J. O. Tew	20 00
	" " F. R. Underwood	5 00
	Balance on hand	34 14
	Total disbursements	$ 09 14

WHITNEY ROYAL,
Treasurer.

Your committee have examined the above report and find it correct.

D. W. TEW,
I. STRICKLAND, } Committee.

10. The report of Treasurer of the Association was read. On motion adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Robert N. Butler, Treasurer South River Association
From Oct. 15th, 1891, to Oct. 19th 1892.

DR.

Balance on hand for Roseboro of last associational year,		$ 17	11
Received from Finance Committee			
"	Minute Fund	35	30
"	Associational Missions	105	41
"	State Missions	21	90
"	Home Missions	5	03
"	Foreign Missions	32	29
"	Baptist Orphanage	9	51
"	Ministerial Education	6	48
"	Collection for Roseboro	7	15
"	From the Churches		
"	State Missions	8	88
"	Collections for State Missions	11	09
"	Home Missions	7	45
"	Foreign Missions	7	06
"	Baptist Orphanage	8	19
"	Ministerial Education	6	83
"	Ministerial Relief Fund	2	60
"	Student's Aid Fund, Louisville	11	90
"	Havana House	11	61
"	Collection for Roseboro	4	17
	Total	$319	96

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By Amount—		J. B. Downing, Minute Fund	35	30
"	"	W. Royal, Associational Missions	105	41
"	"	C. Durham, State Missions	5	19
"	"	Baptist Orphanage, at sundry times	12	94
"	"	Treasurer B. S. Convention	120	67
"	"	Student's Aid Fund, Louisville	11	00
"	"	Roseboro Church, sundry times	28	31
"	"	Money Orders, Fees and Postage	1	35
		Total	$320	17

ROBERT N. BUTLER, TREASURER.

Audited and found correct.

D. W. TEW,
I. STRICKLAND, } Committee.

11. On motion took the letter from Lilly's Grove asking for a dismission to unite with the Cedar Creek Association from the table and granted the letter.

12. The committee on religious exercises announced C. Durham, D. D., to preach at 7 P. M.

13. On motion adjourned to 9:30, a. m. to-morrow. Benediction by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

THIRD DAY.

OCTOBER 21st, 1892 9:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the moderator. Rev. D. J. Clar , Conducted the religious exercises.

1. Called and corrected roll of Messengers. Read and approved Minutes of yesterday.

2. Renewed invitation to visitors and correspondents.

3. The Moderator read the following Report on Colportage which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE.

The Executive Board realizing the great importance of Colportage work in the bounds of the Association, do hereby recommend to the association that they enthusiastically endorse our honored brother, Rev. S. C. Page, who has agreed with such endorsement to enter the Colportage work furnishing his own stock and outfit, looking to the association for no part of his support, save their sympathy and co-operation. And they further recommend that brethren J. A. Taylor, E. Lee, W. F. Watson, I. Strickland, I. Royal be appointed a standing committee to act in an advisory capacity, with reference to selection of literature, fixing commission on books and arranging for Bibles and literature for gratuitous distribution. And that said committee shall have stated meetings at each session of the Union and Association at which time the Colporteur shall report to them progress made, needs, etc., which shall be submitted to the association through said committee. Respectfully Submitted,

I. ROYAL,
Chairman Board.

4. The Moderator appointed the following Committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board: O. D. Strickland, Angus Bain, W. Royal.

5. Rev. W. F. Watson, from the Committee appointed at Session to arrange a programme for the Celebration of Centennial of Modern Missions, read the following report, and moved that it be discussed in connection with the report on Foreign Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:

The divine command of our blessed Saviour to "Go into all the world" and "preach the gospel" is as binding to-day on us, His people, as it was when first delivered to the apostles. In the fulfilment of that command our Missionaries have gone forth and are now, many of them, laboring in Asia, Africa, Italy and other far off heathen lands, "holding forth the word of life" to the benighted ones, with much suffering and discomfort to themselves, while many of us are unconcerned here at home for them or for their needs and privations. Shall we not aid them to the utmost of our ability as God has prospered us? May He give us the grace to do is the prayer of your committee.

W. B. Harrell,
A. Overton,
J. Horne.

The Committee appointed at your last session to arrange a special programme looking to a proper celebration of the Centennial of Modern Missions, beg leave to report the following:

1. That the forenoon of Friday be given for that purpose by the body.

2, And that Rev. J. M. G. Scott, formerly of the Free Mason Street Church. Norfolk, Va., and Rev. O. P. Meeks. of the Eastern Association. submit addresses on the subject: "How best to utilize the Centennial of Missions."

3. These addresses to be followed by the Missionary sermon by the appointee—at the conclusion of which service—pledges shall be taken looking to the support of a missionary on the foreign field by this association. Respectfully Submitted.

W. F. Watson.
For Committee.

6. The Association was then addressed at length by Revs. O.P. Meeks, and J.M.G. Scott, at the close of Elder Scott's address it was ordered that the preaching of the Missionary Sermon be indefinitely postponed. When a list of churches was called, and pledges made for Foreign Missions.

7. On motion took a recess to 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Resumed business.

8. J. L. Autry read the report on Periodicals, when remarks were made by J. L. Autry, Dr. Harrell, D. S. Bullard and others. On motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren:—The time has always been when a family without the Bible in their house is like a man walking towards Niagara

Falls in the thick darkness without a light, when he may step over without one moment's warning and be instantly destroyed, and worse, for their destruction is eternal. A family who will allow their house to be without a good religious paper, is only a little less unfortunate. Your children, like the growing plant, need cultivation and will be in some way and it may be the broad way. Some one will look after them. Shall it be the card player, the novel writer, or some one who is pretending to publish a religious paper, which is as foreign to the work of God as the East is from the West. Once poisoned in the flesh, it is hard to get out of the blood which is the life in this world, much more spiritually, nothing but the word of God can eradicate. We offer you the Biblical Recorder, sound in doctrine, which is endorsed by the Baptist State Convention as the organ, but as only about 7000 take it out of 200,000, we say there is room for the North Carolina Baptist, yea an actual need for it, and at the low price of one dollar a year it can and should go into 100,000 families in North Carolina. He who will spend his money for things of show and style or for that which perisheth is not wise but like a foolish man building on the sand, and your children will rise up in judgment and condemn you for it. Charity and Children is a good paper and you should take it as it helps the poor orphans as well as your own household. "A man who will not provide for his own household denies the faith and is worse than an infidel."

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Autry,
Chairman Com.

9. Rev. I. T Newton read the report on Home Missions. On motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Southern Baptist Convention is divided into four departments—Education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky.; Foreign Missions, Board located at Richmond, Va.; Home Missions, Board located at Atlanta, Ga.; Sunday Schools, Board located at Nashville, Tenn. Home Missions is then sub-divided into five departments: 1st. Mission work among the Indians. 2nd. Among the Negroes. 3rd. Among the Foreign population coming within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. 4th. Among the native white people in the South and South west where our cause is weak and where the Baptists in those states are not able to do the work. 5th. On the Isle of Cuba. In all of these departments the work should be enlarged as rapidly as the means are furnished the Board to do so. The past prosperity of the work should stimulate us to do large things. We recommend that at least once a year pastors give their congregations something of the history, prospects and needs of the work and aid it by their prayers and contributions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Reuben Fisher,
Robert N. Butler,
G. W. Naylor.

10. The Moderator read the report on Temperance. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by I. T. Newton, W. C. West and others. Dr. Harrell offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the name of W. H. Jones, delegate and member of Hickory Grove church, be stricken from the rolls of the South River Association, because of unchristian conduct while attending this session of the body, by getting drunk, cursing and swearing.

It was on motion ordered that Clerk communicate to the church at Hickory Grove, the action of the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

This is an age for improvement and advancement in morals and science, and nothing more claims our attention than Temperance Reform. We would recommend first to avoid the appearance of evil in training the youth of our land to shun the intoxicating glass as a plague. Train and educate our young men as to the disaster of intemperance. It is estimated that sixty thousand drunkards die annually. Cider and wine are only door steps to the bar-room and should not be practiced. We should not, as a church, tolerate bar-room visiting. We recommend the churches to petition the magistrates and county commissioners to grant no license for the sale of intoxicating drinks.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. S. Melvin,
W. N. Page,
J. E. Britt.

11. The Report on Sabbath Schools was read. On motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is said that three-fifths of all the white Baptist churches in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, 20,000 in number, are without Sunday Schools. 400 of them are said to be in North Carolina. The whole difficulty lies in the fact that we do not fully utilize our church organization for this work. A man who can take charge of a church can organize a Sunday School. Pastors should aid and encourage the Sunday Schools and teach the children the same doctrines that they teach the grown people. We are letting our young people float off on the fashionable tide into other denominations, because we neglect to teach them the great truths of the gospel and the work of our denomination in Missions. There should be a Sunday School at every church. Pastors and officers of the church should see to it.

S. A. Howard,
W. R. Johnson, } Committee.
W. Royal,

12. The Committee on Minister's Aid Fund reported. Remarks by Dr. Harrell, when a collection for that object amounting to $2.00 was taken when the report was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIEF FUND FOR AGED BAPTIST MINISTERS.

Many of our preachers are wearing out, by age and infirmities, in the service of the Lord's work, and soon will be helpless and dependent upon the churches for their support. A relief fund for this purpose has been started, and help is greatly needed now. It is a most righteous work, and we trust that all the churches of this association will take up regular collections for this object, and forward the same to the Board, located at Durham, N. C., of which brother Woodson is chairman.

W. B. Harrell,
Chairman.

13. Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions reported as follows :

To Baptist State Convention—Dr. W. B. Horrell, S. C. Page, S. A. Howard, Isham Royal, J. L. Autry, J. B. Downing, J. A. Underwood, Dan'l Carter, D. W. Tew, A. E. Alderman, W. F. Watson and Wm. R. Johnson,

To Southern Baptist Convention—W. F. Watson.

On motion adopted.

14. Committee to nominate corresponping messengers made the following report which was adopted :

Eastern Association—J. O. Tew, I. Royal and R. M. Crumpler.

Cedar Creek Association—Wm. R. Johnson, F. H. Horne and J. B. Downing.

Raleigh Association—Dr. W. B. Harrell, W. F. Watson and S. C. Page.

Atlantic Association—O. D. Strickland, D. H. Jackson and E. A. Alderman.

15. Committee on Obituaries submitted the following which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Since the last session of this body, thirty-eight have answered the call of the long roll, and the places that knew them here, will know them no more forever. Brethren, we should feel very grateful to God that He has spared so many of us to meet again and engage in His work.

Respectfully submitted,
O. D. Strickland,
Angus Bain,
P. O'Quinn,
Committee.

16. Committee to nominate a Sabbath School Board submitted the following report which was adopted : S. A. How-

ard, Isaac Strickland, W. L. Stephens, J. L. Autry and Eldrige Lee.

17. The Finance Committee made the following report which was adopted.—[See Report.]

18. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be cordially extended to the brethren, sisters and friends of the entire community for the very liberal manner in which they have supported this body during this session.

19. Elder Reuben Fisher offered the following Query :

Is it right, according to gospel order, for a church to receive members into her fellowship that are excluded from a sister church, until they apply to said church for restoration, and get a letter of dismission ? REUBEN FISHER.

After some discussion it was answered : No.

20. On motion ordered that the Clerk have Ten Dollars for his services, and expend the balance of the minute money in printing and distributing the minutes.

21. On motion adjourned. Prayer, Elder Reuben Fisher leading.

ISHAM ROYAL,
MODERATOR.

JOHN B. DOWNING,
CLERK.

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Place of next meeting, Piney Green, Sampson County, N. C.

Time of meeting, October 18th, 1893.

To preach Introductory Sermon, Elder Wm. R. Johnson.

To preach Missionary Sermon, Elder Wiley M. Page.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associa'l Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minister's Education.
Antioch	50	1 27	3 00	4 00	....	....	....
Autryville	1 00	25	2 50	1 00	....	....	....
Baptist Chapel	1 00	....	....	....	40	....	....
Brown's	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Canaan	1 00	4 50	....	....	....	....	....
Concord	60	1 38	....	....	....	....	....
Clement	2 00	3 00	....	....	....	....	....
Dunn	1 00	1 00	....	2 50	....	....	....
Elizabeth	1 00	2 50	....	....	....	....	1 00
Evergreen	80	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hickory Grove	1 05	....	....	2 00	....	....	....
Long Branch	50	2 50	1 50	50	....	....	....
Lilly's Grove	50	2 73	....	....	....	....	....
Macedonia	30	2 25	....	....	....	1 00	....
Mary's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Magnolia	1 25	2 00	2 00	2 00	....	....	....
Mill Creek	50	3 03	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Elam	1 75	3 55	....	....	....	....	....
Oliver's Grove	75	2 00	....	....	....	....	....
Piney Green	40	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	....	....
Pleasant Union	1 00	....	....	1 25	....	....	....
Roseboro	50	....	....	....	....	....	....
Rowan	1 25	1 95	1 00	1 00	....	....	....
Royal's Chapel	55	....	60	60	....	....	....
Salem	2 00	5 86	....	5 93	....	....	....
Spring Branch	2 94	6 54	1 62	2265	....	....	2 00
Trinity	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Union Grove	1 00	2 70	2 00	....	....	....	....
White Oak	1 40	7 11	50	1 52	50	....	62
T. W. M. S	....	....	....	72	....	....	....
Maggie Cooper Society	....	....	....	1 34	....	....	....
Autryville Foreign Mission S'c'y	....	....	....	72	....	....	....
Collection	....	2 62	2 62	....	....	2 49	....
Total	2754	6074	1834	4873	90	3 49	3 62

Sum total..............$162 64

J. E. ALDERMAN,
J. A. UNDERWOOD, } Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restor'd.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	No. of Males	Number of Females.	Totals.	Paid for all objects during year.	Time of meeting.
Antioch........	3	..	..	9	3	6	69	91	160	134 00	....
Autryville......	12	4	..	5	..	..	16	15	31	72 00	2nd. Sabbath......
Baptist Chapel.	11	..	4	3	..	4	79	125	204	....	....
Brown's.......	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	....	....	....
Canaan	6	..	..	..	..	..	17	30	47	....	3d. Sabbath........
Concord..	...	..	..	4	2	2	43	99	142	64 00	4th " ....
Clement........	3	4	..	3	..	1	44	48	92	....	....
Dunn	7	13	1	6	..	1	43	59	102	723 00	....
Elizabeth.....	6	2	1	1	1	2	...	....	65	....	2nd Sabbath.......
Ever Green....	...	5	..	..	4	..	20	24	44	....	1st. Sabbath.......
Hickory Grove.	6	6	..	..	..	1	30	40	70	....	1st Sab.&day before
Long Branch..	5	..	..	..	1	1	58	67	125	....	....
Lilly's Grove..	6	..	..	2	1	1	23	28	51	....	....
Macedonia	4	1	5	3	1	..	34	43	77	49 00	1st.Sab.&day before
Magnolia......	...	1	1	..	1	4	39	57	96	....	....
Mary's Chapel.	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	....	....	....
Mill Creek.....	3	1	2	4	1	1	19	31	50	....	3rd. Sabbath......
Mt. Elam......	...	..	1	4	5	2	34	45	79	....	....
Oliver's Grove.	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	6	11	....	1ts. Sabbath.......
Piney Green...	22	2	2	2	6	2	56	150	206	....	....
Pleasant Union	2	..	..	..	5	1	55	50	105	....	1st.Sab.& day before
Roseboro......	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	12	....	....
Rowan..	1	1	5	7	3	2	44	79	123	....	1st. Sabbath.......
Royal's Chapel	9	..	..	..	..	2	31	31	62	....	....
Salem.........	...	5	..	4	..	1	71	93	164	169 00	....
Spring Branch.	15	5	1	4	7	3	111	161	272	134 00	1st. Sabbath.......
Trinity...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	....	....	....
Union Grove..	...	3	..	..	..	2	27	31	58	....	1st. Sabbath.......
White Oak. ..	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	....	....	....
Total.	122	53	23	61	40	39	968	1403	2448	$1345 00	....

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Teachers.	pupils	Total	Library	Average Attendance	Expenses	Superintendents	Post Offices
Antioch	5	39	44	..	26	..	A. Bain	Kyle's Land'g
Autryville	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	....
Baptist Chapel	..	...	...	..	....	..	W.B.Maloy	Hawleys store
Browns	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	....
Canaan	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	....
Concord	4	50	54	..	......	..	Enoch Hall	Stedman .....
*Clement	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	.. ..
*Dunn	..	...	...	..	....	..	R.G. Taylor	Dunn
Elizabeth	4	30	34	..	25	..	W.Stephens	Clinton
Evergreen	..	...	...	..	....	..	.. ..	....
Hickory Grove	..	...	...	..	....	..	.. ..	....
Long Branch	4	67	71	..	60	..	L.W.Autry	Autryville
*Lilly's Grove	..	...	...	..	....	..	M.F.Underwood	Not Given
Macedonia	5	80	85	..	50	..	A.Overton	Buckhorn
Magnolia	4	42	46	..	30	..	J.H.Faircloth	Stedman
Mary's Chapel	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	....
Mill Creek	6	76	82	12	.....	2	W.S.Howard	Roseboro
Mt. Elam	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	....
Oliver's Grove	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	....
Piney Green	3	60	63	..	....	..	Amma Royal	Huntley
Pleasant Uni'n	..	...	...	..	....	..	W.F. Sessoms	Hayne
Roseboro	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	....
Rowan	..	...	...	..	...	..	....	....
Royal's Chapel	4	50	54	..	....	..	J.C.Howard	Clinton ......
Salem	8	100	108	50	60	..	I. Royal	Huntly
Spring Branch	6	50	56	..	....	10	....	....
Trinity	..	...	...	..	....	..	....	....
Union Grove	4	80	84	..	....	..	C.M.Hall	Clement
White Oak	..	...	...	.	....	..	.. ..	....
Total	57	724	78	2	251	12	....	....

No Statisticts given in Church Letter.

the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15, This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together, and a Moderator pro tem. shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religion exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered: then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the association without permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

RULES OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Antioch	W. F. Watson	Dunn N. C.	I. Strickland	Godwin N. C.
Autryville	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro "	L. W. Strickland	Autryville "
Baptist Chapel	W. B. Harrell	Dunn "	S. B. Page	Hawley's Store "
Browns				
Canaan	G. S. Best	Warsaw "	T. E. Howard	Not Given.
Concord	W. M. Page	Godwin "	John B. Downing	Buckhorn "
Clement	I. T. Newton	Wake Forest "	W. B. Matthews	Clement "
Dunn	W. F. Watson	Dunn "	Eldrige Lee	Dunn "
Elizabeth	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn "	W. J. Watson	Clinton "
Evergreen	C. E. Beard	Winnie "	A. D. Bedsole	Robin Hill "
Hickory Grove	J. W. Bell	Clinton "	B. Holland	Not given in lett'r
Long Branch	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro "	H. I. Hall	Autryville "
Lilly's Grove	A. R. Pittman	Not given	S. J. Guy	
Macadonia	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro "	A. F. Jones	Buckhorn "
Magnolia	W. M. Page	Godwin "	J. H. Bryant	Stedman "
Mary's Chapel				
Mill Creek	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro "	John Home	Hines "
Mt. Elam	R. Fisher	Steadman "	O. M. Jackson	Hawley's Store "
Oliver's Grove	R. Honeycutt	Beamans X Roads "	Haywood Johnson	Not given.
Piney Green	R. Honeycutt	Beamans X Roads "	Amma Royal	Huntly "
Pleasant Union	Wm. R. Johnson	Buckhorn "	F. H. Howard	Haynes "
Roseboro	Wm. R. Johnson	" "	Redin Butler	Roseboro "
Rowan	O. P. Meeks	Clinton "	B. F. Byrd	Elliott "
Royal's Chapel	J. O. Tew	" "	D. W. Tew	Beamans X Roads "
Salem	J. L. Stewart	" "	J. C. Howard	Huntly "
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Poe's "	N. A. Layton	Dunn "
Trinity				
Union Grove	W. M. Page.	Godwin "	Wiley Williams	Clement "
White Oak				

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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Piney Green,

Sampson County, N. C.,

October 18, 19 and 20, 1893.

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Clerk, JOHN B. DOWNING, Cumberland Co., N. C.

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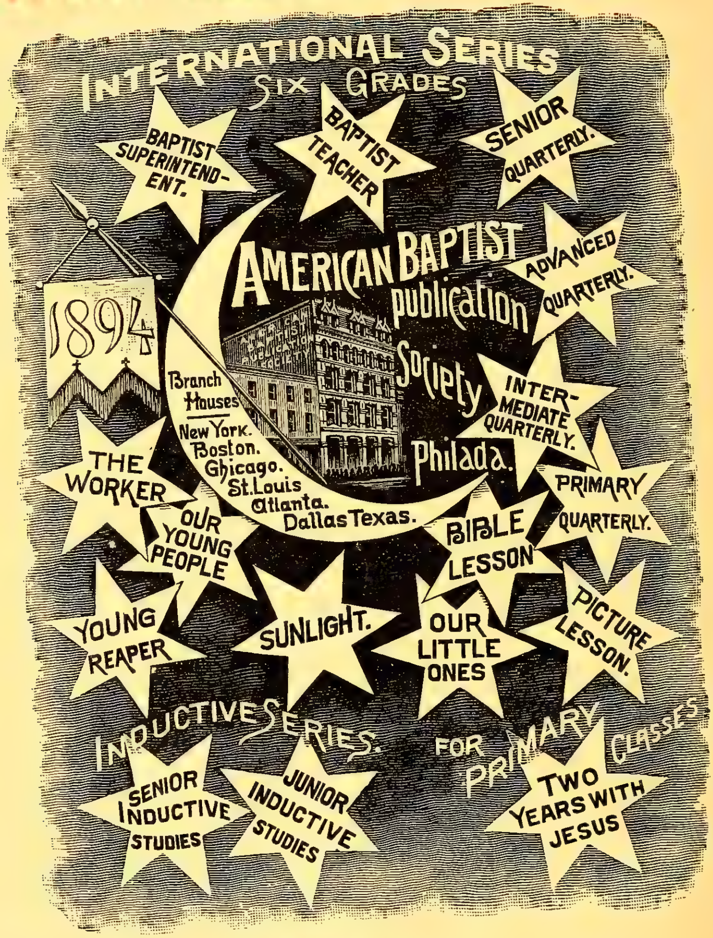
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Isham Royal, Moderator, Huntley, Sampson county, N. C.
John B. Downing, Clerk, Buckhorn, Cumberland “ “
Robert N. Butler, Treasurer, Clinton, Sampson “ “

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Isham Royal, Chairman, Huntley, Sampson county, N. C.
Whitney Royal, Cl'k, and Treas., Clinton, “ “ “
Robert N. Butler, - - “ “ “ “
Dempsey H. Jackson, Hawley's Store, “ “ “
James M. Jackson, McKoy, - - “ “ “
Ollen D. Strickland, Giles' Mills, “ “ “
Angus Bain, Godwin, - - Cumberland “ “

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Wiley M. Page, Godwin, Cumberland county, N. C.
Wm. R. Johnson, Buckhorn, “ “ “
Reuben Fisher, Clement, “ “ “
John O. Tew, Clinton, Sampson “ “
Daniel W. Tew, Beaman's Cross Roads Sampson Co., N. C.
J. W. Bell, Clinton, - - - “ “ “
Reddin Honeycutt, Beaman's Cross Roads, “ “ “
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store, - - “ “ “
S. C. Page, Rhodes', Cumberland - “ “ “
Wm. C. West, Fayetteville, “ “ “ “

PROCEEDINGS.

PINEY GREEN, SAMPSON, CO., N. C., October 18th, 1893.

The South River Baptist Association met in its Seventeenth Annual Session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached at 11 a. m., by the apppointee, Rev. W. R. Johnson, from Mat. 5:13, "Ye are the salt of the earth." After the sermon, took a recess for one hour, when the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Isham Royal. Rev. I. T. Newton conducted Religious Exercises.

The Moderator appointed R. W. Howard and E. T. Turlington Finance Committee, and I. T. Newton and Lewis Royal reading clerks.

Called list of churches. A majority present.

Called for, and read, church letters, and enrolled messengers as follows:

Antioch—Rev. W. M. Page, F. R. Hall, I. Strickland.
Autryville—Represented by letter.
Baptist Chapel—R. B. Bass, John Rench, E. A. Jackson.
Brown's—N. [illegible]. Dudley, H. S. Hair.
Canaan—B. Elmore, D. L. Jackson, R. S. Westbrook.
Clement—J. B. Page.
Concord—Rev. W. R. Johnson, John B. Downing.
Dunn—E. Lee, E. T. Spence, Dr. W. B. Harrell.
Elizabeth—Miles Tendal, C. L. Hobbs, J. C. Howard.
Ever Green--Not represented.
Hickory Grove—J. F. Strickland.
Long Branch—H. I. Hall.
Lilly's Grove—Not represented.
Macedonia—M. S. Stalling, D. P. Carter.
Magnolia—Lenard Bryant.
Mary's Chapel—Z. J. King.
Mill Creek—F. H. Horne, John Horne.
Mt. Elam—Wm. Strickland, B. Warren, W. T. Jackson.
Oliver's Grove—J. A. Tyson, Z. Johnson.
Piney Green—L. Butler, J. R. Canady, Stephen Hair.
Pleasant Union—Not represented.
Roseboro—W. J. Fisher.
Rowan—J. T. Chestnutt, G. R. Robinson.
Royal's Chapel—Whitney Royal, C. H. Butler.
Salem—I. Royal, A. E. Royal, Erastus Casper.
Spring Branch—W. J. Pope, E. A. Tew, D. M. Williford.
Trinity—James M. Johnson.
Union Grove—H. Dudley, R. W. Howard.
White Oak—J. A. Underwood, E. Turlington, J. R. Butler.

On motion, the letters from Salem and Mt. Elam having petitions for the next session was laid on the table.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, when, on motion, the clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for Bro. Isham Royal for Moderator. The Moderator to cast the bollot of the Association for John B. Downing for Clerk, and that Bro. Whitney Royal cast the ballot for Robert N. Butler for Treasurer.

The Moderator gave an invitation to visiting and corresponding messengers, when Rev. O. P Meeks, from the Eastern Association, B. S. Peterson, Agent for the "North Carolina Baptist," Rev. I T. Newton, from the Central; Rev. F. M. Royal, from the Beulah; and Rev. John Prevatt, from the Robeson Association, accepted the invitation, and were welcomed. Also Bro. E. E. Hilliard, representing Wake Forest College, Rev. W. R. Johnson announced that he would take subscriptions for the "Biblical Recorder."

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report this session:

Arrangement, Pastor and officers of the church and J. A. Underwood.

Periodicals, B. S. Peterson, John Horne, Rev. W. R. Johnson.

State Missions. Rev. O. P. Meeks, J. C. Howard, J. C. Butler.

Foreign Missions, Rev. I. T. Newton, R. N. Butler, M. W. Naylor.

Education, E. E. Hilliard, F. M. Royal, W. J. Pope.

Sunday Schools, Rev. W. R. Johnson, Z F. King, H. G. Bullard.

Temperance, Rev. J. O. Tew, D. H. Jackson, A. E. Royal.

Home Missions, Rev. W. M. Page, W. J. Fisher, Jas M. Johnson.

Baptist Orphanage, Rev. John Prevatt, J. B. Page, John Rench

Nominate Executive Board, Rev. R. Hunycutt, J. R. Butler, F. H. Horne.

Obituaries, Rev. J. O. Tew, J. T. Chestnutt, J. A. Underwood.

Nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention, W Royal, J. A. Underwood, R. B Bass.

Ministerial Relief Board, R. N. Butler, E. A. Jackson, I. C Strickland.

Correspondence, Rev. W. R. Johnson, Lenard Bryant, W. J Pope.

Stated Sermons. J. B. Downing, C. L. Hobbs. Jas. M. Johnson.

Auditing Committee, Eldridge Lee, Robert M. Crumpler.

E. E. Hilliard read the Report on Education, when the Body was addressed by F. M. Royal, E. E. Hilliard, B. S. Peterson, I. T. Newton and O. P. Meeks; when a list of churches was called, and the following pledges made: Antioch, $2.00; Mill Creek, $2.00; Roseboro 1.00; Salem, $2 50; Spring Branch, $3.00; Union Grove, $1.00; collection, $2.06. Total, $12.56. On motion, adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following: There never have been a time in the history of the development of this great country, and the progress of civilization, when the trite truth, "knowledge is power," needed stronger emphasis than now. All about us lie thousands of possibilities for the development of the material prosperity of our country, by States, counties and communities. When we grow strong in material things, and rise in the scale of true intellectual development, we are but preparing the way for higher and better development in the work which the Lord commits to His people. Through the well-trained minds of His servants, the Lord has wrought great and wonderful things in times past, and through the same medium in His living servants now He would do mighty works still. Let us, then, have the highest possible intellectual preparation in both pulpit and pew, in the ministry and the laity, for the complete and successful prosecution of every branch of Christian labor, with which the Lord honors us as His co-laborers in up lifting and saving men.

We recommend to the membership of this Aseociation, and Baptists generally, that our children be educated in Baptist schools, when it is possible to do so, for we believe they can thus be better trained in the way of truth, as we hold it, than in other schools, which are not in accord with our convictions. As a preparatory school, we commend the South River Biptist Institute, which is well known to you all. We, unqualifiedly, recommend Wake Forest College as being fully equipped for the higher education of our young men, and urge all our brethren to see to it that our Baptist young men be sent there for their higher training, preparatory for their life-work in whatever field of industry they may feel called to labor.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. Hilliard,
F. M. Royal,
W. J. Pope,
Committee.

Committe of Arrangements made the following announcement: Preaching at 11 a. m. to-morrow, by I. T. Newton. Missionary Sermon at 2 p. m., by W. M. Page. On motion, adjournment to 9 a. m. to-morrow. Benediction by Rev, F. M. Royal.

SECOND DAY—October 19th, 1893.

The Association met, as per adjournment. Moderator Royal in the Chair. Read the 5th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Page. Called roll of messengers Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

Called for petitionary letters.

On motion, took the letters from Salem and Mt. Elam from the table, and proceeded to locate the next Session, when a call of the roll of messengers resulted in the selection of Mt. Elam.

Bro. I. Royal read the annual report of the Executive Board; Rev. O. P. Meeks read the report on State Mission in connection. On motion agreed to discuss them in connection, when the Association was addressed by Revs. O P. Meeks, W. R. Johnson, John Prevatt and others. On motion, adopted

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In view of the fact that our dear Lord has established His Church to become "the pillar and ground of the truth," and in His body, "in whom all His fullness dwells," the work of founding and strengthening churches through aid of State and association, missions lays the foundation of all other denominational and Christian enterprise. While we rejoice at the wonderful success that has ever attended our State Mission efforts, still there remains a vast destitution, and many struggling churches that claim our immediate attention. The field is "white unto the harvest," and we must go forward, or others will come in and reap before us. In order to reach larger contributions for this pressing need, your Committee recommend that the churches endeavor during the ensuing year to secure from every individual member at least an average of 10 cents per capita.

O. P. Meeks,
J. C Howard,
W. J. Butler,
Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board is endeavoring to obey that injunction of the Lord Jesus Christ: "Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Missions should be our work, and if we fail to perform this work, we fail in the most important work of Christian effort. We have employed Revs. W. B Harrell and W. R. Johnson, respectively, at Poplar Grove, in Johnston County, and Roseboro, in Sampson County. They have preached the Word faithfully to attentive congregations.

The interest at Poplar Grove is increasing, and the brethren intend building a house of worship in the near future. The work has been progressing smoothly at Roseboro, but the brethren have met with a sad disaster. The frame of the house having been covered and partly weatherboarded, succumbed to the gale of the 13th of October and the timbers now lie prostrate. This is the second time the brethren have met with a similar loss. The brethren have determined to get another lot and commence building again. They need help and appeal to us to come to their relief. Shall we assist them? Will the Association take some steps towards aiding them in re-building? We request the churches to take contributions to the amount of ten cents from each member for Associational Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Isham Royal, Chairman.

Dr. W. B. Harrell read the report on Foreign Missions; also offered some resolutions relative to Rev. Frank M. Royal, in connection with the report.

On motion, took a recess until after the preaching of the Missionary Sermon. Benediction by Dr. W B. Harrell.

The Missionary Sermon was then preached by the appointee, Rev. W. M. Page Text, Isaiah 52:1, "Awake, awake put on thy strength: Oh, Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, Oh, Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth these shall no more come into thee, the uncircumcised and uncleaned. At the close of the sermon, took collection for missions amounting to $4.25.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Consideration of the report on Foreign missions being the unfinished business, was called up. when the Association was addressed at length by Rev. F. M. Royal, Dr. W. B. Harrell, Rev. O P. Meeks and others. On motion. adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m.; Benedition by W. R. Johnson.

THIRD DAY—OCTOBER 20TH.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read 31st Psalm. Rev. John Prevatt led in Prayer

Called roll of messengers and noted absentees. Read Minutes of yesterday.

The report on Foreign Missions being the unfinished business, was called and read, after some remarks by Rev. W. R. Johnson, the report with resolutions relative to Rev. F. M. Royal was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In all the fields occupied by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention there are 98 missionaries, 79 native helpers, 75 churches, 2,923 members, reporting last year 386, 16 schools, and contributions to the amount of $5,360. Besides these there is the 'Gospel Mission," through which a number of churches are contributing directly to the support of missionaries in foreign field. Opportunity, therefore, is afforded to EVERY MAN to do his part in carrying the Gospel to every creature.

I. T. Newton,
R. N. Butler
M. W. Naylor,
Committee.

Your Committee offer the following in connection with this report.

REV. FRANK M. ROYAL—This beloved young brother, who is soon to take his departure from home, and kindred and weeping friends, to the far off land of benighted China; that he may devote his talents, his time and his life to the great work of preaching the "Blessed Gospel of Christ" to that idolatrous people, deserves, at our hands, some testimonial of the sincere appreciation we entertain for the noble service upon which he soon will enter, for the sake of his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Our Brother Royal is a native of this county, Sampson, and it is with heart-felt pleasure that we, being engaged as members of the South River Association," in the work of State, Foreign and Associational missions. do, earnestly and prayerfully, hereby,

RESOLVE, 1st. That the Rev. Frank M. Royal is held in the highest esteem and regard by every member of this Association.

2nd That our prayers and our contributions will, and shall be, cheerfully offered for the heavenly guidance, and for the temporal support of our beloved brother, in all things, unto which, and wherever he may be directed by the Lord in the great work before him.

3rd. That we will constantly follow him in our supplications to 'the Throne of Grace" above; that he may be abundantly useful among the people—the WHOLE PEOPLE wherever his lot may be cast in the distant "regions beyond."

4th. That the labors and self-denials of our brother Royal, for Christ, in his efforts to spread the "Gospel of our salvation" among the Chinese, will ever be remembered by us, with the deepest sympathy and love in prayer, for him even to the end,

5th. That the South River Association heartily endorse the Gospel Mission method as advocated by Bros. Herring, Royal, Bostick and others, of the Foreign Mission work.

Committee on Correspondance offered the following, which was adopted:

RESODVED, That any male member of this Association attending another Association, be considered a delegate.

On motion, a letter of dismission was granted the church at Dunn.

On motion, Dr. W. B. Harell, the Historian for the South River Association was requested to write the history of the churches that had responded to his call, and forward to the Clerk in time to have the same printed in the Minutes.

The report on Sabbath-schools was read by W. R. Johnson, and discussed by Dr. Harrell. [See report.]

The Committee on Home Missions submitted their report, which was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission field includes the destitute sections of the South, Cuba and the Indian Territory. Our Home Board is trying to occupy these sections, build church-houses, and give the Gospel to the people. In many parts of this field the work has been very sucessful, especially in Cuba. We especially owe te our own Southern people—white and colored, and the Indians, who once occupied this country, the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ; and your Committee recommend that our pastors and churches make larger and better efforts in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Page,
Jas. M. Johnson,
W. J. Fisher,
Committee.

The report on Periodicals was read by B. S. Peterson. After remarks made by B. S. Peterson, W. R. Johnson, John Prevatt and others, the report was adopted.

PERIODICALS.

The time for Baptists to grow up in ignorance in North Carolina is past, and we should bestir ourselves to see that there is no family in all our Baptist churches, who does not take some Religious literature, and not allow their children to grow up reading dime novels, and other things of like nature. Now, to do this, we offer you the "Biblical Recorder," which has been before us for over sixty years, and as it has only 7,000 subscribers out of the 40.000 Baptist families in North Carolina, we say to you, that there is plenty of room for the "North Carolina Baptist." Yes, an active need for it, and at the low price of one dollar a year, it can and should be taken by every Baptist family in North Carolina, which does not take the "Recorder," and he who spends his money for things of show and style, which perisheth, will find his children rising up and condemning him for it. We also recommend to you "Charity and Children," "Home Field," and our own Sunday-school papers; and we do urge upon the pastors the necessity of looking after the education of their congregations along this line.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Johnson, Chairman.

Rev. J. O. Tew read report on Temperance. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Revs. John Prevatt, W. R. Johnson, Dr. Harrell and others, adopted as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a very important subject. It was considered so among inspired men. See Acts 24:24-25; Gal. 5:22-23; 2nd Peter 1:6; 1st Cor. 9:25. Temperance is considered one of the greatest subjects which will lead us as Christians, and as a nation, to the highest honors, blessings and greatest good. Intemperance and drunkenness lead to untold crime and misery. It ruins our business interests and destroys our happiness here and hereafter. See Gal. 5:18. 19, 20 and 21. They which do such thing shall not enter the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. Tew,
D. H. Jackson,
A. E. Royal,
Committee.

Rev. John Prevatt read report on the Orphanage. The Association was then addressed by B. S. Peterson, Revs. John Prevatt and W. R. Johnson; and a cash collection was taken for that object amounting to $6 08. Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is located at Thomasville, and is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina. There are many boys and girls there, dependent upon the Baptists of this State for food, clothes and education. This work the Lord has laid upon our hands; it needs our attention. Therefore, your Committee recommend the pastors and churches of the South River Association to bring this matter before the people that they may help suppert those needy children.

John Prevatt,
J. B. Page,
John Bench,
Committee.

On motion, all the churches were requested to meet on the last Thursday in November, to make up a box for the Orphanage.

On motion, took recess to 2 o'clock, p m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator read the report on Colportage. Address was made by Dr. Harrell and W. R Johnson. Adopted as follows:

COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Colportage held a meeting soon after the last session of the Association, selected Bro. S. C. Page to that work. When Bro. Page's health permitted, he prosecuted the work vigorously; on the advice of his physician, he suspended work for some time. Bro. Page has made some small collections and bought Bibles and other books, which he cannot dispose of before the 15th of November, when this is done he will have sold about 500 books, most of which are Bibles and Testaments; preached 25 sermons, collected $7.30, for which he has over 50 copies of the Word of God, to be distributed among the poor. Bro. Page has tendered his resignation, to take effect as soon as he disposes of the books on hand, but advises us to continue the work.

Your Committee considers the distribution of Bibles and religious books an important work, as many are reached who could not be otherwise.

Respectfully submittod,

Isham Royal,
Eldridge Lee,
I. Strickland,
Committee.

On motion, the Colportage work was referred to the Executive Board.

Dr. Harrell read the report on Ministers' Relief Board. On motion, adopted.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Many of our ministers who have spent their lives in the service of God, are approaching the end, without any means of support in their old age; and unless their brethren contribute to the relief of such, their lot will be hard, indeed. It is with much satisfaction that we know the Relief Fund for all our disabled and wornout brethren in the ministry is still maintained by our people, and the Board located at Durham. We trust that this noble work will receive the earnest support of this body at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. Butler,
E. A. Jackson,
I. C. Strickland,
Committee.

Rev. J. O. Tew read report on Obituaries. On motion, adopted. [See report.]

Committee to nominate an Executive Board reported as follows: Isham Royal, Whitney Royal, Robert N. Butler, Dempsey H Jackson. James M. Johnson, Ollen D. Strickland and Angus Bain. On motion, adopted.

Committee to nominate preachers to preach stated sermons next Session reported as follows: Introductory Sermon, Rev S. C. Page; Missionary Sermon, Rev. Wm. R. Johnson. Adopted.

On motion, ordered that the money sent up for Gospel Mission, and the collection on yesterday, be sent to F M Royal.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported as follows· W. B. Harrell, I. Royal, W. R. Johnson F. T. Turlington and Rev. R. Hunnycutt Adopted

The Auditing Committee submitted the reports of the Treasurer of the Association, and Executive Board. On motion. adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be cordially extended to the brethren, sisters and friends of the entire community, for the very liberal manner in which they have supported this body during this Session.

The above resolution was responded to on behalf of Piney Green church by Rev. R Hunnycutt.

The Finance Committee submitted their report which was adopted: [See roport.]

On motien, ordered that the Clerk have ten dollars for his services; and expend the balance of the Minute money in printing and distributing the Minutes.

Place of meeting – Mt. Elam.

Time of meeting—October 24th, 1894.

To preach Introductory Sermon– S. C. Page.

To preach Missionary Sermon– W. R. Johnson.

On motion, adjourned. Closing exercises conducted by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

REPORTS.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are glad to report the progress of Sabbath Schools better in our churches than in the past; there being but four of our churches without Sabbath-schools, while many of them have ever-green schools, and are training many of the children in the knowledge of the Savior; while there are many of our neighbors without the precious influence of the Sabbath-school.

J. R. JOHNSON.

OBITUARIES.

Death's mysterious hand has been felt, and its icy grasp has removed some of our members since our last Association. We report 28 deaths from the church letters, and, though God, in his Providence, has taken these brethren and sisters from our midst, we feel that we should express our gratitude to God, that so many of us have been spared during this year. Brethren, let us be more faithful and ready when the messenger shall come.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Tew,
J. A. Underwood,
Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrustsd to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Art. 15. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October at such places as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15 This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together, and a Moderator pro tem. shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Modarator, or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the Proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered;

then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

RULES OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

A History, in Part, of the "South River Baptist Association." together with an Account of the Origin of a few of the Churches that First United in the Organization, Known as the "South River Associatian," of Regular, or "Missionary" Baptists.

From information obtained from the "Minutes of the Association," as collected and carefully prepared by the excellent "Clerk" of the body, Bro Jno. E. Downing, who, for several years has held that position by the unanimous vote of his brethren, we learn that the "South River Baptist Association" was organised at "Baptist Chapel," in Sampson County, N. C., on the 30th day of November, 1877—one of the coldest days on record, perhaps, at that time—and so extremely cold, (there being no stove in the church,) and the congregation seeming, almost, about nearly freezing outright, that no introductory sermon as is usual at our meetings, was preached; but Baptists are a sturdy and "peculiar people," and not easily turned aside, when once they have a mind for a needed work for the Lord's cause.

The church, itself, at which the Association was first organized, namely: "Baptist Chapel." was, (from the best information to be obtained through some of the brethren residing near it) constituted in or about the year 1840. Elders Stephen Senter and Jesse Godwin composed the Presbytery who recognized them as a regular Baptist church, formed of brethren and sisters, by letters, from other churches of "the same faith and order," and is located in Sampson county, N. C. In fact, nearly four-fifths of the churches that compose the South River Association to-day are in Sampson county. The following are the names of the members who were the "original panel," so to speak, of "Baptist Chapel," namely: Blackman Jackson, James Wrench, Thomas Hare, Alexander Tew, Arthur Beaman, Lovett Lockamy, Wiley Jackson, Aaron Lockamy; sisters, Nancy Lockamy, Amy Jackson, Mary Matthews, Rebecca Jackson, Julia Ann Tew, Betsie Lockamy, Zilpha Hare. An old log-house, that stood near the present site. was first used, by all denominations, as "a preaching place," in 1835, for the people of the neighborhood. This, going to decay, the Baptist brethren built another log-house, giving it the name of "Taylor's Swamp church," and in this latter house was constituted the present organization in 1840, as above stated, the name being afterwards changed to that of "Baptist Chapel," which it now holds. Brethren Arthur Beaman and Blackman Jackson were chosen deacons; Elder Stephen Senter, the pastor, and Bro. Lovett Lockamy the first clerk of the church.

Thus constituted, "Baptist Chapel" continued to hold their regular monthly meetings, maintaining "the faith once delivered to the Saints," and gradually adding to her strength and members "such as were being saved" annually; until the great "War of Southern Independence" broke out, when the ministrations of the sanctuary ceased here, as in many other places in our Southern land; the brethren were called "to arms" in defense of their homes; and the records of the church were lost or destroyed; while chaos, confusion and terror, reigned in the land, and the lovely Angel of Peace departed for a season. At the sad close of the War, the brethren that survived returned "worn, weary and penniless" to their desolate homes and firesides; but being determined to repair the breaches," if possible, built a new house about the year 1870, and calling Elder A. B. Alderman as pastor, they soon began, under his faithful ministry, to show signs of reviving life and progress in all departments of Christian work and service, being at that day in the bounds of the Cedar Creek Association.

This body growing large, and its territory wide and difficult to reach, it was considered wise, by the brethren, and exceedingly advisable. to organize a new Association for the better promotion of the cause of missions among the churches, and the greater furtherance of Gospel; as, after due notice given, Baptist Chapel and eight other churches of the 'Cedar Creek Association,' and one from the "Eastern," met at the first named church, and, then and there, on that cold day in November, 1877, as before stated (the 30th,) they organized the present "South River Association."

The following are the names of the churches, as taken from an old copy of the "Minutes," preserved by Rev. A. B Alderman, and handed over to the writer by Sister Alderman, soon after after her husband's death—both now gone to their reward above—namely: Brown's Church, Baptist Chapel, Concord, Lilly's Grove, Long Branch, Mount Elam, Piney Green, Salem, Spring Branch, and White Oak. Elder A. B. Alderman was elected the first Moderator; Bro G. W. Highsmith, Clerk; and Bro. James L Autry, Treasurer.

The accredited representatives of the churches above, were as follows: Brown's—Elder H. J Duncan, G. W. Highsmith and H. G. Britt. Baptist Chapel—Elders A. B. Alderman, S. C. Page, and Bro. H. J. Lockamy. Concord Church-Elder R. Fisher, Bros J B. Downing and D J. Davis. Lilly's Grove—Elder J. T. Townsend, and Bro. Samuel Guy. Long Branch Bros. J. L. Autry J. W. Autry and D. R. Autry Mount Elam—B Warren, T. N. Jackson and Wm. Strickland. Piney Green—Elder D W. Tew, W. B. Royal and Elder J O. Tew. Salem Church—Elder H. S. Spivey, Isham Royal and J. C. Howard. Spring Branch—Elder S. Williford, L. W. Strickland and James Naylor White Oak—Bros. A. C. Crumpler, W. J. Faircloth and James Herring.

From the very begining of its organization, the "South River Association" has taken a lively interest in the cause of Foreign, Home. State and Associational Missions, Education Sunday-schools, Periodicals, and the work of the Baptist State Convention generally; and will continue to do so as heretofore

We find in the "Minutes" of the first Association at "Baptist Chapel," after the Missionary Sermon, preached on Sunday morning by Elder J. T. Townsend, this note by the Clerk: "J. O. Alderman, a little boy, gave one dollar for Foreign Missions." That same "Little boy" if we mistake not, is now Rev J. O. Alderman, the beloved pastor of the Baptist church at Concord, N. C., and doing a glorious work for the Master in that thriving little city. Thus early in the history of the South River Association the "good seed" began to take root in the minds of the youth within its fold, which is being more and more developed as the days roll on.

After "Baptist Chapel," we have the record of "Concord" Baptist church, situated in Cumberland County, in Cedar Creek township, on the south side of Sandy Creek, and one and a-half miles from South River, This church was constituted on Saturday, July 30th, 1842 by Elders Hezekiah Woodward and William Hollingsworth with thirteen male, and eight female members as follows: *William Nunnery, *John K. Fort, *Robert Tolar, *William Hall, *Green Faircloth, *Matthew Autry, Wm J. Tolar, *David Howell, *Abram Averitt, Raiford Faircloth, *Nathan Strickland, *Levi Hall, *James Nunnery, (13). Also, Sisters *Sarah Fort, *Frances Tolar, *Sarah Williams, *Catherine Caloreth, *Mary Horne, Priscilla Faircloth, *Jenetta Hales, Mary Horne. (8) Those maked (*) are gone to 'the home above"

The first pastor of "Concord" church, was *Rev. Hezekiah Woodward, who served the church during the year 1842 '43, '44, '45 and again 1850 After that, *Elder Jesse Howell and *Wm. Dupree were pastors in 1846, '47, Elder Furney Prevatt in 1848, Elder R Fisher in 1849, *Elder Thomas Smith in '49, '50 '51 and '52, Elder R Fisher re-elected pastor in 1853 '54, '55, '56, '57 and '58. *Elder Averitt Hall served as pastor in 1859, Elder R. Fisher again in 1860 and '61. *Elder A. B. Alderman was pastor in 1862. Elder R. Fisher again in 1863, '64, '65, '66, '67 and '68, Elder W. C. West in 1869 and '70, *Elder B. Jackson in 1871. Elder R. Fisher again in 1873, *Elder B. F. Jessup in 1874 and '75, Elder W. M. Page in 1876. Elder R. Fisher re-elected in 1877, '78, '79 Elder R. Newton in 1880, '81 and '82. After these, Elder D. S. Bullard served as pastor for six years, up to 1889; when the church called Elder W. M. Page, who has served them in that office to the present time. ('91)

*Wm. Nunnery and Bro. *Green Faircloth were the first deacons of "Concord" church. *Matthew Autry was Clerk; and afterwards was "set apart, by ordination, to the full work of the ministry in 1848, at Cedar Creek church; moved to Georgia, and labored in the ministry in that State with great success until death, which occurred during the war."

"About three hundred persons have been baptized into the fellow-of "Concord" church Four churches have been constituted, principally, by members from her communion, viz: Magnolia, Long Branch, Macedonia and Evergreen, but no data can be given as to the mission work done by her, or the progress of the Sunday-school cause, during the years passed by; but a good Sunday-school is now conducted there, by earnest and progressive brethren; and they have most excellent singing, by the young people, nearly all of whom are members of the church; thus setting forth a bright future for "Concord church."

The origin of "Antioch" church, in Cumberland County, may be traced back to the times before the "War between the States," when Elder A. B. Alderman, a most faithful and diligent servant of God, commenced preaching in the vicinity of the present church about the year 1858, and was about to begin the work of building a house of worship when the war came on, and the people left their homes for the field of carnage.

After that great struggle ended, the Executive Board of the "Cedar Creek Association" sent Rev. J. M. Beasley another active and earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard to that field, and with his ABUNDANT MEANS, and also by the help of a few of the brethren, the house was built, and in May, 1869, Antioch church was organized with twenty-six members; they electing Elter J. M. Beasley as pastor, who served the church in that office till 1876, when Elder Samson Williford took charge of the flock, and preached for them for two years, 'till 1878; Elder W. M. Page was then called as pastor, holding the place for nine years, (1887.) when the church elected Bro. I. T. Newton, who in a few months left for Wake Forest College, and Elder A. B Alderman was chosen pastor, and, within the year, was called to his "Home on high." Eldr W. M Page was again called to preside over the flock, and during the time that Rev. W. F. Watson was pastor at Dunn, he also preached for "Antioch," once a month.

The great forest fires of last year (1892) reached the church, and the house was destroyed; but with much zeal and unflagging energy, the brethren have built again, and Antioch church, in a new locality, is once more holding up the "Standard of the Cross" to the people Many of the "little flock" that belong to Antioch, have had a struggle against "persecution for concience sake;" and they can tell a tale, a strangel truthful tale, of bitter and unfeeling opposition from near kindred, of "ANOTHER FAITH" because they desired to follow Christ in baptism, and unite with the Antioch brethren. But being willing to forsake ALL for Crist and His word, even father and mother, and houses and lands, that they might ebey their Lord, in being buried with Him in baptism, they willingly and cheerfully bore the Cross in severe trials, that followed their faithfulness to Christ.

The Baptist church at Dunn, had its beginning before the railroad whistle was heard waking the echoes in the pine forests of the Southern corner of Harnett County, where the little city of 800, or more, inhabitants, and its six churches, now stand, on the line of railroad between Wilson and Fayetteville

In the year 1884, the Executive Board of the South River Association, at their meeting at Salem church in December, 1883, authorized Rev. A. B. Alderman to visit Pope's School-house, in Harnett County, and preach as opportunity afforded. He did so, and kept up a regular appointment there 'til the following August, reporting to the Board, at their August meeting, that Pope's School-house was an important point and prospects there encouraging. Pope's School-house is the place known afterwards as the Greenwood School-house, and is about a mile beyond the present corporate limits of the town of Dunn; a place that had no existence at that time. For his services at Pope's School-house that year, Bro. Alderman was paid $22 50!

The next year, 1 85, Elder W. R. Johnson was employed by the Executive Board to take up the work at Greenwood School-house, which he did, holding a meeting of days there, being assisted by Elder W M. P ge, and having baptized six persons, a Presbytery was called, composed of Elders, W R. Johnson, H J. Duncan, and S. C. Page, with Bro J B. Downing, Clerk, and H. L. Hall, Assistant Clerk, who organized and recognized the following persons, who presented themselves, with letters of dismission and certificates of baptism, into a regular Missionary Baptist church, known as the Greenwood Baptist church of Harnet County, N.C. The names of the brethren and sisters are are as follows: Wm. H Pope, E. C. Pope, L. G. Dorman, J. M. Jones, A J. Stanley, J. C. Godwin, Elizabeth Pope, Emily Pope, Sarah W. Jones, Winnfred Byrd and E. J. Godwin.

The church thus organized resolved to unite with the South River Association, and delegates were at once appointed, namely: Wm. H. Pope E. C Pope and J. M. Jones Elder W. R. Johnson was elected pastor of the church, and continued to serve them through 1885, 1886 and 1887.

In 1888, the house of worship, now in Dunn, was built, the Greenwood Baptist Church removed to the new house and became the Dunn Baptist Church, and Rev. I. T. Newton was called as pastor. Regular contributions have been made by this church for all the various objects of the Baptist State Convention, up to the present time, and the liberality of the membership, in every department of Christian work and denominational enterprise, is well attested in this community.

The Dunn Baptist Church has had the pastoral services of five ministers,—viz. Rev. W. R. Johnson, Rev. I. T. Mewton, Rev. J. A. Campbell, Rev. W. F. Watson,, and Rev. N. B. Cobb, D. D., who remains as the present incumbent.

There is a bright future before this church, which will yet be realized, in the coming days.

The Macedonia Baptist Church was constituted on the twelfth of October 1879 This church is in Cumberland County. The Presbytery of ministers on the occasion of its organization, were Revs. Reuben Newton and Reuben Fisher, The latter was their first pastor, serving them until 1884. Since then the church has had as pastors, Revs W, S. Melvin in 1885 and '86. C. E. Beard, 1887, and D. S. Bullard to the present time, 1893. Brethren David T. Avetitt and Geo. F. Wheeler were the first deacons, and B. C. Horne, first clerk of the church. Since its first organization, Eighty-two persons have been baptised into the fellowship of the church: but no account recorded of the amount of funds paid out for missions. There is a good Sunday-School, Superintended by brother A, Overton; fine choir of choice songsters, and good congrgeations on the regular days of preaching.

This church is in Cumberland County, and is near the head waters of Cedar Creek, in the township of that name, about three and a half miles S. W. of Stedman on the C. F. & Y. V. Ry, and has for its present clerk, brother M. H. Sessoms.

Mill Creek Baptist church was organized at Beaver Dam Swamp, near the Sessoms old Mill, by Elder Levi Bryan and John Horne deacon, of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, on the 5th. Nov. 1881.

Nine members first constituted the body, viz.— J. E. Sessoms, Soloman Sessoms, Uriah Sessoms, Sarah J. Sessoms, Mary W Sessoms Olilie Sessoms J. B. Strickland, Martha A Peterson, Amelia Carter: after which brethren Daniel Horne from Corinth, and Eli Cooper from Salem Baptist churches were recieved by letters Their first pastor was Rev. Levi Bryan. and first deacons were Soloman Sessoms and Eli Cooper, and clerk Uriah Sessoms. These brethren are working under the usual Covenant of all regular Baptist churches, but, in the letter recieved by us from their clerk, no Sunday School is mentioned, nor any account given of mission work among them We know, however, that there are consecrated, godly men and women among them, and their light burns and shines amid the surrounding darkness.

White Oak Baptist church in Sampson county, six miles from Clinton, was constituted on the 2nd. day of February 1847. Revs. George W. Wallace and Stephen Senter composed the presbytery: Bro. Hardy Bennett, chosen deacon; and brother H. Spell, Clerk of the church. The following brethren and sisters as well as can be now learned, were the origional membership at White Oak; viz— Hardy Bennett. Hardy Spell, William Vann, Micajah Crumpler, Benjamin Faircloth W R. Faircloth, Daniel Carter, D. D. Royall, Rob. Wallace, Sampson Bennett, T. N. Vann, Reason Faircloth, Mary Vann, Lucy Ann Crumpler, Nancy Faircloth, Rhoda Bennett, Harriet Cooper, A M. Butler, and Lucretia Faircloth.

The church has grown strong in numbers and influence since its organization forty-five years ago, and has made large progress in christian work, and to-day the Word of God is held forth in the monthly Ministrations of the pulpit at White Oak Baptist church, in Sampson county N. C., by one of the most gifted gospel expounders of the way of life and salvation in the whole State, Rev. J. L. Stewart. of Clinton, N. C. We learn that it is a common occurence on preaching days at White Oak for a densely packed audience to sit perfectly wrapped in interest at the gifted pastor, on Sundays, as he declares unto them the divine message.

We would have been glad to mention the facts, and to record the history of the other twenty-one churches of this Association, but we have no data. Our request to the clerks was not heeded, and we have no futher information as tothe history of the South River Association at present. Hoping that others will take up the work at a future day we close this record

W. B. Harrell,

Dunn, N. C., Oct. 26, 1893.

On page 2 read James M. Johnson for J. M. Jackson.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

From Oct. 20, 1892 to Oct. 18, 1893.

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Oct. 20. 1892.	To amount on hand	34 14	
Jan. 20. 1993.	From Antioch Church	8 16	
	Spring Branch,	8 56	
	Union Grove	3 50	
	Clement	6 01	
	Elizabeth	90	
	Concord	73	
	White Oak	1o 00	
	Royall's Chapel	1 00	
	Salem	7 20	
	Autryville	2 85	
	Mt. Elam	3 00	
	Trinity	65	
	Dunn	4 00	
	Long Branch	2 55	
	Magnolia	2 35	
	Pleasant Union	3 05	
	Piney Green	1 05	
	Browns	2 87	
	Canaan	1 50	
	Baptist Chapel	1 35	
	Macedonia	25	
	Rec. from R. N. Butler	60 74	
	Public collections	15 69	
			182 10

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Paid to W. F. Watson	20 00	
W. R. Johnson	60 00	
W. B. Harrell	35 00	
Balance on hand	67 10	
		182 10

WHITNEY ROYALL,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

R. M. CRUMPLER,
A. E. ROYALL,
ELDRIDGE LEE.
} Com.

Sabbath School Satistics

CHURCHES.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Total.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICES.
Antioch	7	43	50	Geo. A. Bain	Kyle's Landing
Autryville					
Baptist Chapel	3	78	81	A. E. Alderman	Hawley's Stor
Brown's	5	46	45	J. C. Howard	Clinton
Canaan					
Clement	7	99	106	J. L. Autry	Clement
Concord	4	50	54	J. B. Bedsole	Autryville
Dunn				R. G. Taylor	Dunn
Elizabeth	5	65	70	H. H. Edwards	Clinton
Ever Green					
Hickory Grove	5	40	45	J. C. West	Beamans X Roads
Long Branch	4	60	64	C. M. Hall	Autryville
Lilly's Grove					
Macedonia					
Magnolia	7	43	50	J. H. Faircloth	Stedman
Mary's Chapel					
Mill Creek	5	57	62	Jno. Horne	Hives
Mt. Elam	5	69	74	J. D. McLamb	Lydia
Olivers Grove					
Piney Green	3	40	43	J. A. Honeycutt	Huntly
Pleasant Union					
Roseboro	7	50	57	W. N. Lockamy	
Rowan					
Royall's Chayyel	6	35	41		
Salem	8	109	117	S. A. Howard	Huntly
Spring Branch	4	57	61	O. D. Strickland	Giles Mills
Trinity					
Union Grove	4	75	79	M. O. Jackson	Clement
White Oak					
	89	1030	1119		

CHURCHES.	Statistical Table.											FINANCIAL REPORT.					
	Baptised.	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	No. of Males.	No. of Females.	Total.	Paid for all Objects during year.	Time of Meeting.	Minute Fund.	Associa'l Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.
Antioch	3	..	1	..	1	3	67	90	157	31 00	....	$1 15	.....	2 14	3 34	2 90	....
Autryville	...	1	1	..	1	1	15	15	30	25 00	2nd Sabbath evening.	50	.....	....	......	....	....
Baptist Chapel	16	..	3	2	4	4	71	112	183	71 00	2nd. “ and day before.	1 60	.....	4 20	......	....	....
Brown's	...	..	..	1	..	1	42	36	78	52 00	4th “ “ “ “	75	1 50	....	......	....	....
Canaan	...	..	..	1	..	2	15	31	46	4 50	....	1 00	1 50	2 00	......	....	....
Clement	5	2	..	2	..	1	47	51	98	65 50	3rd. “ “ “ “	2 00	1 60	....	......	....	....
Concord	...	..	2	4	7	2	35	95	130	23 00	2nd. “ “ “ “	1 50	.....	....	......	....	....
Dunn	...	1	..	17	5	..	29	47	76	161 00	3rd. “	1 15	6 00	5 00	......	....	....
Elizabeth	13	..	..	..	1	1	36	33	69	5 00	1st. “ and day before	1 10	1 65	70	75	....	....
Ever Creen	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	......	....	....
Hickory Grove	...	1	..	4	2	1	31	40	71	41 00	1st. “ “ “ “	1 00	.....	....	......	....	....
Long Branch	4	2	1	..	5	2	56	67	123	63 00	2nd. “ “ “ “	55	45	2 00	......	....	....
Lilly's Grove	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	......	....	....
Macedonia	10	..	2	3	2	1	34	50	84	60 30	3rd. “ “ “ “	30	.....	....	......	....	....
Magnolia	...	..	..	2	4	..	35	55	90	7 80	4th. “ “ “ “	1 00	.....	3 31	2 16	1 53	....
Mary's Chapel	...	..	..	3	1	..	....	....	....	....	4th. “ “ “ “	80	.....	....	......	1 50	....
Mill Creek	...	..	..	..	1	..	18	34	52	....	3rd. “ “ “ “	75	.....	....	85	....	....
Mt. Elam	15	4	1	..	..	..	43	59	99	42 00	3rd. “ “ “ “	95	1 40	....	......	....	....
Oliver's Grove	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	7	12	....	1st. “ “ “ “	75	.....	....	......	2 00	65
Piney Green	9	2	12	4	20	1	68	130	198	28 10	4th. “ “ “ “	80	.....	2 35	2 35	....	....
Pleasant Union	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	......	....	....
Roseboro	...	..	..	..	1	..	8	3	11	....	Supplied by Ex. Board.	45	.....	....	45	45	....
Rowan	...	1	1	6	3	4	40	71	111	56 00	Sat. before 1st Sunday.	1 50	1 75	....	2 50	....	....
Royal's Chapel	...	1	..	4	3	..	25	30	55	51 00	2nd. Sab. and day before.	20	.....	32	55	....	....
Salem	17	..	1	1	..	1	75	100	175	137 68	4th. “ “ “ “	2 00	.....	2 30	4 93	2 37	....
Spring Branch	13	1	1	2	8	..	111	170	281	....	1st. “ “ “ “	2 00	6 44	15	23 07	....	....
Trinity	1	..	..	2	..	..	7	13	20	....	....	1 00	1 34	....	55	....	....
Union Grove	...	1	1	1	1	2	25	28	53	....	1st. “ “ “ “	1 50	.....	....	......	....	....
White Oak	...	3	..	1	1	4	30	62	92	136 72	1st. “ “ “ “	1 25	.....	2 00	13 88	1 27	1 25

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Robert N. Butler, Treasurer, South River Baptist Association from October 19, 1892 to October 18, 1893.

RECIEVED FROM	Minute Fund.	Associati'n Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign. Missions.	Orphanage	Ministers Education.	Ministers Relief	Roseboro Church.
Finance Committee.	27 54	58 12	15 72	90	45 95	1 00	3 62	.....	....
Collection	.....	2 62	2 62	.....	.....	2 49	....	2 00	....
Maggie Cooper Soc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 34	.....	....	.....	....
Piney Green.......	.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....
Elizabeth	.....	....	90	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....
Salem....	.....	.....	.....	4 54	3 26	7 32	5 14	7 66	....
White Oak	.....	.....	... .	95	1 12	1 25	75	1 78	5 15
Autryville	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 15	.....	....	.....	....
Union Grove..	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	....	.....	48
Pleasant Union....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 55	45	....	.....	....
Concord...........	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	....	.....	....
Mill Creek........	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	....	.....	....
J. B. Downing.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....
	31 76	60 64	20 29	6 39	60 42	12 51	9 51	11 44	5 62

Collection being taken, $6.98 for Colportage, $2.37 for Permanent Centennial Fund, and $9.25 for Antioch Church was raised.

Paid.J. B. Downing, Minute Fund..........................	27 54
W. Royal, Associational Mission..........................	60 74
E. J. Edwards, Baptist Orphanage..........................	3 49
Treasurer B. S. Convention, at Sundry Times,..............	119 28
J. B. Downing, for Church letters..........................	2 00
A. Bain, for Antioch Church,..............................	9 25
S. C. Page for Colportage Work..........................	6 88
N. Sessoms, for Roseboro Church,..........................	5 63
Money order fees and Postage..........................	88
Minute Fund..	2 25
Balance in Treasurer's Hands..........	235 69
Total..............................	237 94

Audited and found correct

R. M. Crumpler. }
Eldridge Lee } Comm.

Table Showing Times, Places, etc., of South River Baptist Association.

THE SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASTOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED AT BAPTIST CHAPEL, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C., NOVEMBER 30, 1877.

Dates.	Place of Meeting.	Introductory Sermon—by whom preached.	Text.
1877	Baptist Chapel,...........	Not preached...	....
1878	Piney Green, Sampson Co...	R. Fisher......	1st Cor. 6:20....
1879	Concord, Cumberland Co....	W. R. Page....	Acts 10:33......
1880	Ebenezer, Sampson Co.....	J.T.Townsend ..	Exodus 14:15...
1881	Brown's, Sampson Co......	J. O. Tew......	John 19:30......
1882	Long Branch, Sampson Co..	H. J. Duncan...	Mark 16:15-16..
1883	Spring Branch, Sampson Co.	J. O. Tew......	2nd Sam'l 3:33-34
1884	White Oak, Sampson Co....	Wm. R. Johnson	1st Kings 20:40.
1885	Magnolia, Cumberland Co..	H. J. Duncan...	Romans 5:20...
1886	Union Grove, Sampson Co..	J. O. Tew......	John 9:9........
1887	Canaan, Sampson Co.........	I. T. Newton ...	Luke 17:9......
1888	Rowan, Sampson Co.	Wm. R. Johnson	John 3:16 [thea.
1889	Dunn, Harnett Co..........	J. A. Speiget...	Jos'ph of Arima-
1890	Hickory Grove, Sampson Co.	Wm. R. Johnson	Isaiah 43:1.....
1891	Mill Creek, Sampson Co...	F. R. Underwood	Numbers 14:24..
1892	Autryville Sampson Co.....	J. O. Tew......	Romans 12:1....
1893	Piney Green, Sampson Co...	Wm. R. Johnson	Mat. 5:13.......

Missionary Sermon—By whom preached.	Text.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
J. T. Townsend	Prov. 15:52 ...	A.B.Alderman	GW Highsmith	J. L. Autry
A. B. Alderman	Not Known. ..	“ “	“ “	“ “
A. B. Alderman	Math. 13:47-48. .	“ “	J. B. Downing.	“ “
W. M. Page	Math. 24:14......	“ “	“ “	R. Highsmith.
J. N. Stallings..	John 12:34	“ “	Isham Roval ..	“ “
Reuben Newton	Not Known....	“ “	J. B. Downing.	“ “
W. M. Page . ..	....	Isham Royal	“ “	Kedar Vann.
W. M. Page. ...	1st Cor. 3:9......	“ “	“ “	“ “
R. T. Bryan.....	Math. 3:8-10 .. .	“ “	“ “	“ “
W. M Page. ...	Rom. 13:11.	“ “	R.A.Draughon	H. L. Hall,
J. O. Tew.......	1st Kings 19:13..	“ “	“ “	“ “
Not Preached..	....	“ “	J.B. Downing.	R. N. Butler,
FR Underwood	Rom. 10:12.....	“ “	“ “	“ “
W. M. Page ...	Math, 13: 8......	“ “	“ “	“ “
W. . Harrell..	Luke 2:30, 31, 32.	“ “	“ “	“ “
Not Preached.	....	“ “	“ “	“ “
W. M. Page ...	Isaiah 52:1......	“ “	“ “	“ “

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch			I. Stickland	Falcon
Autryville,	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro	L. W. Strickland	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	John Prevatt	Moss Neck	S. B. Page	Clement
Brown's	J. O. Tew	Clinton	J. H. McCullin	Kener's
Canaan			M. Bell	
Clement	John Prevatte	Moss Neck	W. B. Mathis	Clement
Concord	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	J. B Downing	Buckhorn
Dunn	N. B. Cobb	Raleigh	E. Lee	Dunn
Elizabeth	J. O. Tew	Clinton	W. J. Watson	Clinton
Ever Green				
Hickory Grove	J. W. Bell	Clinton	W. O Gilbert.	Beaman's X Roads.
Long Branch	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro	H. I. Hall	Autryville
Lilly's Grove				
Macedonia	D. S. Bullard	Roseboro	A. F. Jones	Buckhorn
Magnolia	W. M. Page	Godwin	J. H. Bryant	Stedman
Mary's Chapel	J. W. Bell	Clinton	M. J. Bradshaw	Kener's
Mill Creek	J. O. Tew	Clinton	Jno. Horne	Rives
Mt. Elam	J. W. Bell	Clinton	O. M. Jackson	Hawley's Store
Oliver's Grove	R. Honeycutt	Beaman's X Roads.	Haywood Johnson	
Piney Green	R. Honeycutt	Beaman's X Roads.	Amma Royall	Huntley
Pleasant Union				
Roseboro	W. R. Johnson	Buckhorn	W. J. Fisher	Roseboro
Rowan	O. P. Meeks	Clinton	B. F. Byrd	Turkey
Royal's Chapel	E. L. Parker	Huntley	D. W. Tew	Beaman's X Roads.
Salem	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. C. Howard	Huntley
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Poe's	R. M. Warren	Giles' Mills.
Trinity				
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Godwin	R. W. Howard	Clement
White Oak				

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PROCEEDINGS.

Mt. Elam, Sampson County, N. C.,
October 24th, 1894.

The South River Baptist Association met in its Eighteenth Annual Session with this Church. The Introductory sermon was preached by the appointee, Rev. S. C. Page, from 4th chapter 5th verse 2d Timothy: "Watch therefore in all things." At the close of the sermon a recess of one hour was taken for refreshments.

1:20 P. M.

1st. The Association is called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Isham Royal, who read the 1st ch. Galations. Rev. Wm. Bland led in prayer.

2nd. Appointed Rev. D. W. Tew and Bro. D. W. Williams, reading clerks, and Isaac Strickland, E. T. Turlington and H. I. Hall committee of finance, and Rev. J. W. Bell and the officers of this church, committee on religious exercise.

3rd. Called roll of Churches. A large majority responded.

4th. Read church letters and enrolled messengers as follows:

Antioch—Rev. W. M. Page, O. R Starling.
Autryville—I. Royal, W. T. Butler.
Bapt. Chapel—S. B. Page, O. Jackson, John Rench.
Brown's—*J. H. McCullum, Nathan A. Dudley.
Canaan—Bryant Elmore.
Clement—J. L. Autry, Blackman Williams.
Concord—John B. Downing.
Elizabeth—M. C. Tindal.
Hickory Grove—*Nathan Jackson.
Long Branch—A. N. Hall, H. Irvin Hall.
Macedonia—*A. B. Carter, Andrew Overton.
Magnolia—*D. R. Jackson.
Mary's Chapel—Z J. King, M. B. Tew.
Mill Creek—F. H. Horne, J. P. Horne.
Mt. Elam—B. Warren, J. D. McLamb, O. M. Jackson.
Oliver's Grove—A. J. Adams, A. B Blackman,
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Rowan—George Robinson, I. G. Malpass.
Royal's Chapel—*Whitney Royal, *Rev. D. W. Tew.

Salem—A. J. Cooper, V. T. Bagget, T E Howard.

Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, Rev. Wm. Bland, Rev. M. W. Naylor.

Trinity—H Godwin, *Oscar Lee, Joel A. Hudson.

Union Grove—D. W. Williams.

White Oak—N. G. Duncan, E. T. Turlington, A. C. Crumpler.

Calvary [newly constituted]—M. Lee, James Hudson, Warren Johnson.

Names marked thus * were absent without leave.

5th. The letters from Oliver's Grove and Spring Branch, having petitions for the next session, were laid on the table.

6th. The term of office of the present officers having expired, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Appointed Tellers as follows: Moderator—F. H. Horne, Blackman Williams. Clerk—Whitney Royal, R. Honeycutt. Treasurer—D. W. Tew, W. T. Butler. Result: I. Royal re elected Moderator, John B. Downing Clerk and R. N. Butler Treasurer.

7th. Appointed J L. Autry and R. N. Butler to nominate a man to preach the Missionary Sermon, in the absence of the appointee, W. R. Johnson.

8th. Gave an invitation to visiting brethren, when Rev. John Prevatt, from the Robeson Association, accepted the invitation and was welcomed.

9th. Rev. John Prevatt announced that he would take subscriptions for the *North Carolina Baptist*, and R. N. Butler for the *Biblical Recorder* and *Charity and Children*.

10th. The committee to nominate a preacher to preach the Missionary sermon reported that Dr. W. B. Harrell would preach the Missionary sermon at 11 a. m., to-morrow.

11th. Called for petitionary letters, when the Calvary Church [newly constituted] in Johnston county, presented her letter, asking for admission. On motion, it was received, and the following enrolled as messengers: M. Lee, Jas. Hudson and Warren Johnson, and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator. This place has been a Mission station, and supplied by the Ex. Board by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

12th. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at this session:

Periodicals--J. L. Autry, John Prevatt, John Rench.
State Missions--W. M. Page, Marshal Lee, D. W. Williams.
Foreign Missions--Dr. W. B. Harrell, J. P. Horne, S. B. Page.
Education--Wm Bland, J A Dawson, A C Crumpler.
Sabbath Schools--A E Alderman, O D Strickland, R Honeycutt.
Temperance--W B Harrell, Reuben Fisher, A M Butler.
Home Missions--D W Tew, A Overton, A J Cooper.
Bapt. Orphanage--R Huneycutt, Blackman Williams, R N Butler.
Nominate. Ex. Board--M W Naylor, J L Autry, W B Harrell.
Obituaries--J O Tew, E T Turlington, H I Hall.
Correspondence--J A Dawson, W Royal, F H Horne,
Stated Sermons--R N Butler, J C Williford, S B Blackman.
To nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention---S B Page, R N Butler, Ollen Jackson.
Auditing Committee--D W Tew, D W Williams.

13th. On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m., to morrow. Prayer, Dr. Harrell leading.

SECOND DAY.

October 25, 1894, 9:30 A. M.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator. Spent 30 minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. W. M. Page.

1st. Called roll of messengers. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

2nd. Renewed invitation to visitors, when Bro. J. A. Oates, editor of the *North Carolina Baptist*, accepted the invitation and was welcomed.

3rd. Read letters and enrolled messengers from churches not represented on yesterday.

4th. On motion, took the letters from Oliver's Grove and Spring Branch, having petitions for the next session, from the table, and proceeded to select a place for the session. A call of the roll of messengers resulted in the selection of Oliver's Grove, Johnston county. A motion to make the vote unanimous prevailed.

5th. Bro. Isham Royal read the report of the Ex. Board, which was spoken to by Dr. W. B. Harrell, Rev. John Prevatt and the Moderator. On motion, adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren: Your Executive Board begs leave to submit the following report:

We have prosecuted the work of Associational Missions duing the year, to the extent of our ability with the fund at our command.

Rev. John Prevatt has preached monthly at Roseboro. He reports the prospects brightening and encouraging. The brethren are taking steps towards building a house of worship. They need our prayers and assistance.

Rev. W. B. Harrell has held regular monthly meetings at Poplar Grove school house, in Johnston county. He invited Rev. J. T. Jenkins to join him in a protracted meeting. At the close of the meeting eleven were baptized. They have organized a church with twenty-three members, to which they gave the name Calvary, and now they are making arrangements to build a house of worship. This is an important point and needs our fostering care.

There are other points within our bounds that ought to be occupied but we cannot occupy them unless you place more funds at our command.

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL, Ch'm'n.

6th. Bro. Whitney Royal, Treasurer Ex. Board, read the report of Treasurer Ex. Board. On motion, adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

From October 18th, 1893, to October 24th, 1894.

		Dr.
Oct. 20th, 1893.	To amount on hand.	$ 67 10
Dec. 20th, received from	R. N. Butler,	24 84
	Mount Elam,	2 25
	Piney Green,	1 72
	Spring Branch,	10 25
	White Oak,	4 71
	Magnolia,	81
April 28th, 1894,	Baptist Chapel,	6 00
	Clement,	6 00
	Antioch,	11 20
	Royal's Chapel	1 35
	Canaan,	2 25
	Elizabeth,	3 54
	Salem,	10 82
	Long Branch,	1 21
	Trinity,	2 25
	Pleasant Union,	1 65

Brown's,	2 80
Hickory Grove,	1 00
Autryville,	1 50
Mary's Chapel,	25
Rowan,	1 25
Macedonia,	1 00
Public collection,	3 26
	$ 169 01

	Cr.
Paid W. B. Harrell,	$ 30 00
John Prevat,	55 00
R. Honeycutt,	15 00
To balance,	69 01
	$169 01

Audited and found correct.

W. Royal, Treasurer.

D. N. Tew,
D. W. Williams.

7th. Bro. D. W. Williams read report of Treasurer of the Association. On motion, adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Robert N. Butler, Treasurer of South River Association, from Oct. 18th, 1893, to Oct. 24th, 1894.

	Dr.
Balance on hand for Minute Fund,	$ 2 25
Received from Finance Committee,	
Minute Fund,	26 65
Associational Missions,	24 84
State Missions,	23 87
Home Missions,	9 97
Foreign Missions,	66 38
Baptist Orphanage,	1 90
Gospel Missions,	1 08
Collection for Minute Fund,	1 25
Collection for Ministerial Education	2 06
Collection for Gospel Missions,	4 35
Collection for Baptist Orphanage,	6 33

From the Churches During the Year.

SALEM CHURCH.

Home Missions,	1 62
Foreign Missions,	4 11
Baptist Orphanage,	5 99
Ministerial Education,	2 76
Ministerial Relief Fund,	1 82

WHITE OAK CHURCH.

State Missions,	1 32
Home Missions	1 10
Foreign Missions	2 79
Baptist Orphanage	2 19
Ministerial Education,	76
Ministerial Relief Fund,	2 33

PINEY GREEN CHURCH.

Home Missions,	72
Foreign Missions,	1 43
Baptist Orphanage,	1 21

TRINITY CHURCH.

Baptist Orphanage,	55

MILL CREEK CHURCH.

Ministerial Education,	2 00
Gospel Missions,	50

PLEASANT UNION CHURCH.

Foreign Missions,	2 50
Baptist Orphanage,	50

UNION GROVE CHURCH.

Ministerial Education,	1 00

MT. ELAM CHURCH.

Gospel Missions,	85

AUTRYVILLE CHURCH.

Gospel Missions,	2 35
Collection for Rev. J. O. Tew, union meeting in December,	3 33
Collection for Gospel Missions, " "	2 61
Collection by Rev. John Prevatt, for Foreign Missions,	5 00
Collection for Gospel Missions, union meeting in July,	3 00
Total,	$225 27

	Cr.
By amount, J. B. Downing, Minute Fund,	30 15
" Rev. F. M. Royal, Gospel Missions, sundry times,	14 74
" W. Royal, Associational Missions,	24 84
" Treasurer B. S. Convention, sundry times,	135 09
" Treasurer Baptist Orphanage, sundry times,	15 83
" Rev. J. O. Tew,	3 33
" Money order fees and postage,	1 29
Total,	$ 225 27

Robert N. Butler, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

D. W. Tew.
D. W. Williams.

8th. On motion, the preaching of the Missionary sermon was postponed to 11:30 a. m.

9th. Bro. J. L. Autry read the report on Periodicals. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. L. Autry and J. A. Oates. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren: Your committee beg leave to report on Periodicals. The *Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist*, and *Charity and Children*, are all good papers, and should be in every Baptist home in the State. They are necessities. They contain crumbs from the bread of life. Jesus tells His friends, feed my lambs; also, feed my sheep. They that love me will keep my commandments. Are we all feeding the lambs and sheep from His precious word? Work while it is day for when the night cometh no man can work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. AUTRY.
JOHN PREVATT.

10th. On motion, took a recess to 1:30 p. m. The Missionary sermon was then preached at the stand to a large and orderly congregation by Dr. W. B. Harrell, from Luke 5th chapter 4th verse, "Now when he had left off speaking, he said unto Simon, launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." At close of the sermon took a collection for associational missions, amounting to $4.05.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and leave of absence granted the following brethren for the balance of the term: B. Elmore, Marshal Lee, S. B. Page and W. M. Page.

11th. Rev. D. W. Tew read the report on Home Missions. On motion adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee submit—That in their opinion, Home Missions is an interest of greater importance than is generally conceded or understood by our Baptist people. We owe it to ourselves, to the coming generations and to God, to meet the demands that are being made upon us by the tide of emigration, and the isms consequent therefrom. We recommend, therefore, that our people bestir themselves more than ever before, to give the gospel to the destitute sections of our Southland, and all the territory intended to be worked by S. B. C.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Tew.
Andrew W. Overton.

12th. Bro. D. W. Williams read the report on State Missions. Remarks by Dr. Harrell and D. W. Williams. On motion adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions beg leave to report the following: The Board of Missions of the State Convention, which has been instrumental in spreading the Gospel in the past, and whose general work seems to be guided by the true spirit of Gospel missions, deserves the support and co operation of the brethren of this and other Associations. Knowing that the spirit of missions is the spirit of the Gospel, and that Christ said at Jerusalem to his disciples "go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father Son and Holy Ghost." We believe that we should first spread the Gospel in our own State, and then extend our field of labor. All over the State showers of blessings have attended the labors of the faithful servants of God.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Page,
Marshal Lee,
D. W. Williams.

13th. Bro. Whitney Royal submitted the following report on correspondence. Adopted.

Cedar Creek. W. M. Page, S. C. Page, J. B. Downing, G. A. Bain.

Little River. O. D. Strictland, W. B. Harrell.

Eastern. J. W. Bell, D. W. Tew, F. H. Horne.

Robeson. Wm. Bland, I. Royal, J. L. Autry, W. Royal.

14th. Preaching at the stand by Rev. G. A. Bain, Bro. A. E. Alderman read the report on Sabbath Schools. Remarks were made by A. E. Alderman, J. L. Autry, J. A. Dawson, Dr. Harrell, J. A. Oates, C. M. Hall. On motion adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Nearly nineteen hundred years ago we find Christ entering into the synagogue on the Sabbath, teaching the people. Therefore, let the pastors, deacons, or some live members, see that each church in the Association is organized in teaching the Bible. Magnetism is one of the essentials. Christ, the great magnet, drew men unto himself, and if we will be like him we will draw men also. Let us make the schools so interesting until the people will be like David: "I was glad when they said, let us go into the house of the lord." We recommend, as helpers for superintendant and teachers, those furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society. There are other good helpers too, those of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We earnestly beg the schools to supply themselves with these helps.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Alderman,
R. Honeycutt,
O D. Strickland.

15th. Dr. Harrell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to report at the union meeting at Mill Creek, in December next, on the advisability of reorganizing in the South River Association, a Sunday School Convention.

In compliance with the above resolution, the Moderator appointed the following on the committee: J. L. Autry, W. B. Harrell, A. J. Cooper, C. M. Hall and E. T. Turlington.

16th. Bro. H. I. Hall read the report on Obituaries. On motion adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Death is abroad in the land, and with its keen sickle has removed some of our members since our last Association. We find from the reading of our church letters, that God, in His all wise providence, has seen fit to remove 28 of our members from our midst. We feel that we should bow in humble submission to His will, and be thankful that so many of us are yet spared. Brethren, let us all try to be more faithful to the cause, and ever be ready, when the sure messenger, death, shall come.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. Turlington,
H. I. Hall.

17th. Bro. Isaac Strickland read the report of the Finance committee. On motion adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Education.	Home Missions.	Gospel Missions.
Antioch	1 40	1 83	....	....	....	....	....	....
Autryville	1 10	1 25	....	....	....	....	....	....
Baptist Chapel	1 40	4 02	....	....	....	....	....	....
Brown's	1 00	1 20	....	....	....	....	....	....
Canaan	1 00	....	75	....	....	....	....	....
Clement	1 90	2 00	....	....	....	....	....	....
Concord	1 05	2 86	....	....	....	....	....	....
Elizabeth	1 10	90	....	....	....	....	....	1 00
Ever Green	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....
Hickory Grove	....	1 50	....	....	....	....	....	....
Long Branch	60	2 00	....	....	....	....	....	....
Macedonia	70	2 50	....	....	....	....	....	....
Magnolia	1 00	....	1 50	1 50	....	....	....	....
Mary's Chapel	50	....	....	25	25	25	25	....
Mill Creek	70	....	1 90	3 60	1 00	....	....	....
Mt. Elam	1 50	2 05	....	....	....	....	....	....
Oliver's Grove	75	1 00	50	50	....	....	....	....
Piney Green	1 00	...	1 65	....	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Union	1 00	40	....	2 00	....	....	....	....
Roseboro	50	25	....	....	....	....	....	...
Rowan	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	1 50	....
Royal's Chapel	1 20	....	...	....	....	....	....	....
Salem	1 60	8 00	....	....	....	....	....	....
Spring Branch	2 00	1 53	2 00	6 50	2 00	....	2 00	....
Trinity	1 50	65	25	20	....	....	....	...
Union Grove	1 00	....	....	2 56	....	....	....	....
White Oak	1 00	1 00	....	1 00	1 30	1 07	....	....
Calvary	1 00	65	....	....	....	....	....	....
Public Collection	1 75	4 05	....	....	....	...	....	...
Total	30 25	39 64	7 65	18 11	4 55	1 32	3 75	1 00

Respectfully submitted,

I. Strickland,
E. T. Turlington, } Com.
H. Irvin Hall,

Audited and found correct.

D. W. Tew,
D. W. Williams,
Committee.

18th. The committee to nominate an Ex. Board, submitted the following report which was adopted: Isham Royal, J. B. Downing, O. D. Strickland, Whitney Royal, A. J. Cooper, R. N. Butler, Angus Bain.

19th. On motion, adjourned to 8 : 30 a. m., to-morrow. Benediction by Rev. R. Huneycutt..

THIRD DAY.

October 26th, 1894, 9 : 30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read 17th chapter John. Prayer, Rev. John Prevatt leading.

1st. Called roll of Messengers and noted absentees. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

2nd. Renewed invitation to visitors. No response.

3rd. The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Dr. Harrell. Remarks by Dr. Harrell, Rev. Wm. Bland and Rev. John Prevatt. Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work and service of our brethren and sisters now in the Foreign field, lie very near the hearts of our people, all over this gospel land of religious privileges, and we cannot but admire the self sacrifice and consecrated devotion of the missionaries of the cross, who, in obedience to the divine command, have taken their lives in their hands, so to speak, to carry the Word of Life to those who sit in the region and shadow of death. Therefore,

Resolved, That the South River Association will aid, to the utmost, to sustain the brethren and sisters who labor in foreign lands in gospel mission work, praying God's blessing upon them continually.

W. B. Harrell, Ch'n.

Preaching at the stand by Elder R. Fisher.

4th. Rev. Wm. Bland read the report on Education. Remarks by Moderator Royal. Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

God has highly blessed North Carolina Baptists with institutions of learning. Few colleges stand higher than Wake Forest, and none do better work.

Murfreesboro and Oxford have graduated many of the noblest young ladies of our State, and deserve our highest patronage.

Autryville High School, the child of our Association, under the supervision of Prof. Isham Royal, merits the full patronage of all our churches, and should be handsomely supported. Many other institutions of high grade in our State, and of Baptist origin and trend, should receive well merited and ample support.

All these schools should be so well supported that every North Carolina Baptist would feel a pressing need of doubling their number, whether they be colleges, or seminaries, or only high schools.

Brethren, we should not fail to support Autryville High School, and we should never forget to send all the scholars we can to Waks Forest, and Oxford, and Murfreesboro.

Educate your children and they will do better work for themselves, far their country, and for Christ. If Christ, after the apostles had received all the anticipated preparatory training for the duties and business of life, still taught them three years in his own school, how long should our children be kept in the best schools in existence?

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. BLAND.
A. C. CRUMPLER.
J. A. DAWSON.

5th. Rev. R. Honeycutt read the report on the Baptist Orphanage. On motion adopted.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage, which is located at Thomasville and is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina, must have our attention, for many children are there dependant upon the Baptists of this State. Therefore, your committee recommend the pastors and churches of this Association, to occasionally bring this subject before the people that we all many administer to their necessities.

Respectfully submitted,

R HONEYCUTT.
R. N. BUTLER.
B. Williams.

6th. Rev. J. W. Bell read the report on Ministers' Relief Board. Remarks by the Moderator. On motion adopted.

MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

Your committee on Minister's Relief Board, beg leave to submit the following:

Dear Brethren: In view of the fact that so many of our ministers, who have spent their lives and their money in the service of God, and for the advancement of His own dear Son's kingdom, in the salvation of souls, are approaching their end without any means of support in their old age, and unless their brethren contribute to their support their lot will be hard indeed. But it is with much satisfaction that we know the relief board for all our disabled and worn out brethren in the ministry, is still alive and maintained by our people, and the board located at Durham, N. C., and we do trust that this noble work will receive the earnest support of this Association, and from all the churches within her bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Bell.
Marshal Lee.
I. Strickland,
Committee.

7th. Dr. Harrell read the report on Temperance. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Dr. Harrell, Rev's R. Honeycutt, J. A. Dawson, M. W. Naylor and Reuben Fisher.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

What is Temperance? The true definition of the word is this: The *moderate* use of those things that are needful and proper, both to eat or drink, that are not injurious and harmful in their nature; and the total abstinance of all things that are injurious to the body and are harmful in their action on the human system.

With this definition of the word temperance (and it is the only true one) our duty as Christians is plain and clear. The Word of God positively forbids indulgence in any thing whatever, that may lead us into evil habits. Every Christian knows this to be true. The use of any kind of strong drink at all, leads to the habit of strong drink, and we all know that such a habit leads to all manner of evil that the heart of man, assisted by the devil, can devise. Evil, and only evil, can come from such a practice, and hence, all who profess the name of Christ should avoid every kind of intoxicating drink. The Scripture rule is to abstain from these things for the sake of others who may fall into sin by their use, and to set good examples before one another in all things.

To manufacture, sell or buy alcholic drinks as a beverage, is to promote and sustain the greatest curse known to the human race, and to vote to sustain it is to vote for the devil's kingdom. For a church member to do this is a shame and a reproach to the cause of Christ, and he should be dealt with as with one who encourages immorality. Therefore, every Christian should follow the Scripture rule of Temperance.

W. B. Harrell.

8th. The committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported as follows: Dr. W. B. Harrell, I. Royal, F. H. Horne and G. A Bain. Adopted.

9th. The committee to nominate preachers to preach stated sermons at the next session, reported as follows: Introductory sermon, Dr. W. B. Harrell; Missionary sermon, Rev. W. M. Page. Adopted.

10th. Took a recess for ¾ of an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

11th. On motion, the following committees were appointed to write reports on the following subjects, to be reported at the next session:

Foreign Missions, Dr. W. B. Harell; Periodicals, Rev. John O. Tew; State Missions, Rov. Wm. Bland; Education, Bro. Isaac Strickland; Sabbath Schools, Rev. G. A. Bain; Temperance, Revt Reuben Fisher; Home Missions, Rev. N. W. Naylor; Baptist Orphanage, Bro. A. E. Alderman; Obituaries, Rev. R. Hunetcutt; Church Discipline, Rev. John Prevatt; Ministers' Relief Board, Rev. W. M. Page; Colportage, S. C. Page.

12th. On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to brothers, sisters and friends of this community, for the very able and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body at this session.

13th. On motion, ordered that the Clerk have $10 for his services, and have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, and distribute them among the churches *pro rato*, according to the money paid.

14. On motion, adjourned, to meet at Oliver's Grove, Johnston County, N. C., October 23, 1895. Closing exercises conducted by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

ISHAM ROYAL, Moderator.

JOHH B. DOWNING, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

Art 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to heep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9 The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, at such place as the Association may select.

Art. 14 By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the Meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, the Clerk shall call the Association together, and a Moderator pro tem. shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the Proceedings of the previous day be read.

4 The members shall observe toward the officers, and each other, that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6 No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8 No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9 When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table,

to amend, or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Assembly without the permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

The History of the Origin and Constitution of Trinity, Royal's Chapel, Mount Elam and Calvary Baptist Churches in the South River Association.

The history of six of the Churches of the Association was incorporated in the Minutes of 1893, and it is hoped that the Clerks of the other Churches (now about twenty, not heard from) will forward their records also, that the history of the South River Association may be fully written.

The TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH was started, at first, in the woods, near Peacock's Cross Roads, in Johnston Co., N. C. Of the missionary pioneer that held forth there, we have no written account. Soon after that time a place was secured in an old store where monthly preaching was held, not far from another church of a different name and order, namely, "Hardshell." This was in the year 1879 or '80. It was during the latter year that a house was built by a few earnest and faithful brethren, living near the Cross Roads, and in September, 1880, (about the 5th of the month) the Ex. Board of the South River Association authorized a Presbytery of Baptist Elders to meet at Peacock's Cross Roads, to organize a Missionary Baptist church in the new edifice erected for that purpose. The Presbytery consisted of Elders Wm. Bland, H. J. Duncan, and S. C. Page, with deacon Whitney Royal as Clerk of the body. The church was constituted with the following names, on their letters from other churches of the same faith and order: Harry Johnson, T. T. Lee, Mary Johnson, Sarah W. Johnson and Alie Johnson. After the organization, Bro. James M. Johnson and sister Nancy Blackman were received, making seven members. The church selected Rev. H. J. Duncan as pastor, and elected Bro. T. T. Lee as deacon.

Since their organization in 1880, the church has had as pastors, Elders Wiley M. Page, S. C. Page, R. Honeycutt. and perhaps, others not known to the writer, and it now numbers but few members, several of their number having taken letters of dismission to unite with other churches near them. The present pastor is Rev. R. Honeycutt. We would be glad to furnish more fully the history of Trinity Church, but have received only this much, and that not from the Clerk.

ROYAL'S CHAPEL.

This church is in Sampson county, about seven miles N. W. of Clinton, the county seat, and was organized March 28th, 1886, by a Presbytery composed of Elders A. B. Alderman, H. J. Duncan and Wm. Bland, deacons W. H. Howard and Isham Royal being present. A sermon from Elder Alderman, from 1 Tim. 3 : 15, was preached, and the Presbytery organized by calling Bro. Alderman to the chair, and Bro. I. Royal chosen Clerk. The following brothers and sisters are the original members constituted at that time: Wm. Royal and wife M. A. Royal, Addie E. Royal. Callie D. Royal,—these from Baptist Chapel; and Margaret A. Royal, W. N. Lockamy and Edith E. Lockamy from Brown's. Bro. W. Royal was the first Clerk of the church, and ever since the day of the organization the growth of the church has been healthy.

Royal's Chapel has had the pastoral care of Revs. I. T. Newton from May, 1886, to Nov. 1887; W. M. Page, to Oct. 1889; G. S. Best, to Oct. 1891; J. O. Tew, to Oct. 1893; E. L. Parker, to May, 1894; J. W. Bell, the present pastor. The membership at present is: males 27, females 33, total 60. D. W. Tew is Clerk of the church.

It is supposed that the cause of Missions lies near the hearts of the brethren at Royal's Chapel, and also the Orphanage at Thomasville, and the Sabbath School work also; but the Clerk has failed to mention any thing of these in the short letter sent up to us.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

This, the latest church organized in the South River Association, is in Johnston county, and very close to the line of Sampson, and is the result of the labors of the missionaries sent out by the Executive Board of that Association, from time to time, to a point called Poplar Grove, in the Lee settlement. Revs. A. B. Alderman, W. M. Page, Cephas Page, W. F. Watson, and R. Honeycutt, have all done faithful work here, under the Executive Board of the Association; which body of brethren would do a great deal more had they the means at hand to supply the other places calling for help in our bounds, for they are a wide awake set of earnest brethren. It was at the solicitation of the Board that the present writer commenced regular appointments to preach to the people at the Poplar Grove school house this year.

In the month of September, the Baptist Evangelist, Rev. J. T. Jenkins, at our request, came to help us in a meeting of several days at this mission, the result of which was, that on the 5th Sunday in September, 1894, we baptized, in Wood's mill pond, eleven persons on their profession of faith in Christ, and on the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1894, a church was organized in Poplar Grove school house, in Meadow township, Johnston county, by a Presbytery of Elders, consisting of Wm. Bland, R. Honeycutt, and W. B Harrell, the church being constituted of the following persons who had letters from their respective churches: Trinity, James M. Johnson and wife Alice Johnson, and daughter Lilla Hawkins Johnson, Miss Missouri Lee, and James Hudson. From Canaan, Marshall Lee and wife Elizabeth Lee, and daughter Lettie H. Lee, R. M. Westbrook and wife, Winifred Westbrook and daughter Nancie Westbrook. From Spring Branch, sister Alberta Hobston. These twelve composed the church, and being organized as before stated, they then received into their fellowship the other eleven, namely: Warren O. Johnson, Pharaoh Blackman, Mrs. Winifred Barefoot, Mrs. Perebe F. Lee, Mrs. Bailey Bryant, Miss Arabella Gilbert, Miss Luesta Lee, Miss Etta Barefoot, Miss Arrel B. Barefoot and Miss Winifred Lee, making twenty-three members, who applied for admission and were received into the South River Association, as the Calvary Baptist Church, the Association being held at Mount Elam, in Sampson county, October 24th to 26th, 1894. The first delegates of Calvary Church were brethren Warren O. Johnson, James Hudson; and Marshall Lee. Their first pastor, Rev. W. B Harrell, the missionary of the South River Association, at this point. It is in contemplation to build at once, a neat house of worship on grounds already donated by a kind firiend in the neighborhood, Mr. Cicero Johnson, and located on the new Smithfield road, near the old Westbrook Lee family mansion, in Meadow township, Johnston county, N. C. Funds are being rapidly raised, even now, for the house, and one consecrated brother has said, it must be built if he has to mortgage his farm to raise the balance of the money to finish up the building! When brethren feel this way the Lord's work always prospers.

MOUNT ELAM CHURCH.

This body of Missionary Baptists was organized Oct 6th, 1870, by a Presbytery of Revs. R. Fisher and W. C. West. We have no information as to the names of the brethren and sisters who originally were constituted into a church here. It was one of the original churches in the organization of the South River Association, in 1877. Bro. O. M. Jackson is the present Clerk of the church. This is all the information we have about them.

There are some eighteen churches of the South River Association that have not yet forwarded to us any thing at all, concerning their origin, or any matter about their history. We hope. by the next session of the body at Oliver's Grove, the Clerks who have not yet written, will respond to our appeal, that the history of the Association may be made complete.

W. B. Harrell,
Historian.

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Number of Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Total.	Superentendants and Postoffi[illegible]ce.	Pastors and Postoffice.	Clerks and Postoffice.
5	56	61	G. W. Starling, Falcon	W. M. Page, Falcon	Isaac Strickland, Falcon
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5	75	80	John A Jackson, Hawley's Sto[illegible]re	John Prevatt, Moss Neck	S. B. Page, Clement
4	52	56	J C Howard, Clinton	J. L. Stewart, Clinton	J. H. McCullin, Keener's
			Newly Constituted	W. B. Harrell, Dunn	Marshal Lee, McKay
			No Statistics in Church lette[illegible]r	John T. Albritton, Mt. Olive	L. T. Harrelson, McKay
				John Prevatt, Moss Neck	W. B. Matthews, Clement
6	94	100	J L Autry, Clement	W. R. Johnson, Buckhorn	Jno. B. Downing, Buckhorn
13	57	70	W B Horne, Autryville	J. O. Tew, Clinton	W. J. Watson, Clinton
6	54	60	Wiley Stephens, Clinton	Not represented	
			Not represented	J. W. Bell, Clinton	W.O.Gilbert, Beaman's X Roads
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Table Showing Times, Places, etc., of South River Baptist Association.

The South River Baptist Association Was Organized at Baptist Chapel, Sampson County, N. C., November 30th, 1877.

Dates.	Place of Meeting.	Introductory Sermon—by whom preached.	Text.
1877	Baptist Chapel	Not Preached	
1878	Piney Green, Sampson Co	R. Fisher	1 Cor. 6:20
1879	Concord, Cumberland Co	W. R. Page	Acts 10:33
1880	Ebenezer, Sampson Co	J. T. Townsend	Exodus 14:15
1881	Brown's, Sampson Co	J. O. Tew	John 19:30
1882	Long Branch, Sampson Co	H. J. Duncan	Mark 16:15–16
1883	Spring Branch, Sampson Co.	J. O. Tew	2 Sam. 3:33–34
1884	White Oak, Sampson Co	Wm. R. Johnson	1 Kings 20:40
1885	Magnolia, Cumberland Co	H. J. Duncan	Romans 5:20
1886	Union Grove, Sampson Co	J. O. Tew	John 9:9
1887	Canaan, Sampson Co	I. T. Newton	Luke 17:9
1888	Rowan, Sampson Co	Wm. R. Johnson	John 3:16
1889	Dunn, Harnett Co	J. A. Speigt	Jos'ph of Arimathea.
1890	Hickory Grove, Sampson Co.	Wm. R. Johnson	Isaiah 43:1
1891	Mill Creek, Sampson Co	F. R. Underwood	Numbers 14:24
1892	Autryville, Sampson Co	J. O. Tew	Romans 12:1
1893	Piney Green, Sampson Co	Wm. R. Johnson	Matt. 5:13
1894	Mount Elam, Sampson Co	S. C. Page	2 Tim. 4:5

Missionary Sermon—by whom preached.	Text.	Moderator.	Treasurer.
J. T. Townsend	Prov. 15:52	G. W. Highsmith.	J. L. Autry.
A. B. Alderman	Not Known	“ “	“ “
A. B. Alderman	Matt. 13.47–48	J. B. Downing.	“ “
W. M. Page	Matt. 24:14	“ “	R. Highsmith.
J. N. Stallings.	John 12:34	Isham Royal	“ “
Reuben Newton	Not Known	J. B. Downing.	“ “
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W. M. Page	1 Cor. 3:9	“ “	“ “
R. T. Bryan	Matt. 3:8–11	“ “	“ “
W. M. Page	Rom. 13:11	R. A. Draughon.	H. L. Hall.
J. O. Tew	1 Kings 19:13	“ “	“ “
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OF THE

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HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT OLIVER'S GROVE,

JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 23, 24 and 25, 1895.

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Next Meeting:

Place of Next Meeting, Baptist Chapel, Sampson Co., N. C
Time of Meeting, - - - - - - October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 1896.
Introductory Sermon, - - - - - - - Reddin Honeycutt.
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PROCEEDINGS.

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Oliver's Grove, Johnston Co., N. C.,
October 23rd, 1895.

The South River Association met with this Church in its Nineteenth Annual Session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Dr. W. B. Harrell, from John 10th chap. 27th-28th verses. After the sermon, took a recess to 1:30 p. m. At 1:30 p. m., the Association was called to order by the Clerk, J. B. Downing, the Moderator, being absent. On motion of Rev. D. W. Tew, Rev. W. M. Page was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, who read the 80th Psalm and led in prayer.

1st. Called a roll of churches, a large majority present.

2nd. Appointed Rev. D. W. Tew and Bro. M. W. Royal reading clerks, and brethren Whitney Royal, R. N. Butler and R M. Crumpler, Finance Committee.

3rd. Read church letters and enrolled messengers as follows:

Antioch W. M. Page, H. L. Hall, J. A. Strickland.*

Autryville—By letter.

Baptist Chapel—Ollen Jackson, John Rench.

Brown's—Not represented.

Calvary—W. A. Bell, J. R. Hudson, Marshal Lee.*

Canaan B. Elmore, D. H. Jackson, John E. Hudson.*

Clement—W. B. Matthews, R. P. Royal, J. W. Matthews.

Concord John B. Downing.

Elizabeth—Rev. John O. Tew.

Evergreen—Not represented.

Hickory Grove—Not represented.

Long Branch—L. W. Autry, George Autry.

Macedonia—By letter.

Magnolia—By letter.

Mary's Chapel—Not represented.

Mill Creek—By letter.

Mt. Elam—W. B. Jackson, Edward Halley.

Oliver's Grove—J. Tyner, A. J. Adams, Zebulon Johnson.

Piney Green - James Simmons, B. J. Macingal.

Pleasant Union—Not represented.

Roseboro—By letter.

Rowan—By letter.

Royal's Chapel—Whitney Royal, Rev. D. W. Tew.

Salem—Ammon Cooper,* A. F. Howard.*

Spring Branch N. J. Honeycutt, N. B. Barefoot, David Williford.

Trinity—M. O. Lee, F. M. Holley, N. L. Morgan.

Union Grove W. B. Huneycutt, D. W. Williams.

White Oak - R. M. Crumpler,* Robert N. Butler.

Center - Minton F. House. (* Absent without leave.)

The letters from Baptist Chapel, Concord and Spring Branch, having petitions for the next session, were laid on the table.

4. The term of office of the present officers, having expired, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Result:

Haynes L. Hall elected Moderator. John B. Downing re-elected Clerk. Robert N. Butler re-elected Treasurer.

5. Gave an invitation to visiting brethren, when Revs. John Prevatt and J. W. Cobb, from the Robeson Association, accepted the invitaton and were welcomed. Bro. J. W. Cobb announced that he was representing the *North Carolina Baptist*, and M. W. Royal the School at Autryville.

6. Called for petitionary letters when the church at Center, Cumberland Co., (newly constituted) presented her letter, asking for membership in this body. On motion it was received and Minton F. House enrolled as messenger, and the right hand of fellowship given by the Modeiater.

7. The Moderator announced the following committees: State Missions, D. W. Tew; S School, O. D. Strickland; Temperance, Dr. W. B. Harrell; Home Missions, D. W. Williams; Colportage, J. M. Johnson; Committee on Religious Exercise, Pastor and officers of this church.

8. Rev. W. M. Page read the report on Ministers' Relief Board. Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. W. M. Page, Dr. W B. Harrell and R. M. Crumpler.

9. The Committee on Religious Exercise made the following announcement: Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow, to be conducted by M. W. Naylor. Preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

10. Adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer, M. W. Naylor leading. Benediction by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

SECOND DAY.

October 24, 1895.

10 o'clock a. m. The Association is called to order by Moderator.

1. Called roll of messengers, and read and approved Minutes of yesterday.

2. Renewed invitation to visitors, when Rev. J. G. Pulliam, from the Raleigh Association, and Rev. N. A. Gibbs, from the

Little River Association, accepted the invitation, and were welcomed.

3. The unfinished business being the further consideration of the report on Ministerial Relief Board was called, and the Association was addressed by D. W. Williams and Rev. J. W. Cobb, and a cash collection taken for that object amounting to $3 30.

4. Jno. B. Downing read the report of the Ex. Board. Remarks by Dr. W. B. Harrell and John Prevatt. The hour for preaching the Missionary Sermon having arrived the Association took a recess to 1 o'clock p. m. The Missionary Sermon was then preached by Rev. W. M. Page: Text, Revelation 1st chap. 18th verse, "I am he that liveth and was dead." At the close of the Sermon, took a collection for Association Missions amounting to $3 27.

1 o'clock p. m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

5. The Moderator announced the following committees: Auditing committee, D. W. Tew and Ollen Jackson; to nominate an Ex. Board, J. O. Tew, D. H. Jackson and A. F. Howard. The further consideration of the report of the Ex. Board being the unfinished business, was called. Remarks by Rev. Redin Huneycutt, Rev. J. W. Cobb and R. N. Butler, and adopted.

(See Reports in order under head of Reports.)

6. Leave of absence was granted D. Williford and Wm. Huneycutt for the balance of the term.

7. On motion the Ex. Board was instructed to employ a missionary for his entire time on the bounds of the South River Association. Preaching at the stand by Rev. John Prevatt.

8. Rev. J. O. Tew read the report on Periodicals. Remarks by J. O. Tew, J. W. Cobb, J. G. Pulliam and D. W. Williams. Adopted.

9. Bro. Whitney Royal read the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board. Adopted

10. Rev D. W. Tew read the report on State Missions. Remarks by Rev. D. W. Tew. Adopted.

11. Leave of absence was granted W. B. Matthews and J. W. Matthews for the balance of the term.

12. Rev. M. W. Naylor read the report on Home Missions. Remarks by M. W. Naylor and Dr Harrell. Adopted,

13. Bro. Isaac Strickland read the report on Education Pending a motion to adopt remarks were made by Dr. W. B. Harrell and A F. Howard.

14. Committee to nominate an Ex. Board reported as

follows : John B Downing, H L Hall, Robt N Butler, Whitney Royal, Ollin D Strickland, James M Johnson, Samuel A Howard. On motion, adopted

15 Bro. R N Butler read the report of the Treasurer of the Association. On motion, adopted.

16. On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow Prayer, Dr Harrell leading. Benediction by R Huneycutt.

THIRD DAY.

October 25, 1895.

9:30 a. m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read part of the 20th chapter of Luke Rev. J O Tew led in prayer.

1. Called roll of messengers and noted absentees

2. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

3 Renewed invitation to visitors, when Elonzo Parish, from the Little River Association, and F P Wood, from the Raleigh Association, accepted the invitation and were welcomed.

4. Rev. John Prevatt read the report on Church Discipline. Pending a motion to adopt, the Association was addressed by Revs. R Huneycutt, J W Cobb, John Prevatt, Dr W B Harrell and John O Tew Preaching at the stand by J W Cobb.

5. Bro Whitney Royal read the report of the Finance Committee. Adopted

6. On motion, took the letters from Concord. Baptist Chapel and Spring Branch having petitions for the next Session from the table, and proceeded to locate next Session. The messengers from Spring Branch withdrew their petition, when a call of the roll of messengers resulted in the selection of Baptist Chapel

7 Bro James M Johnson read the report on Colportage. Remarks by J M Johnson and Dr W B Harrell Adopted.

8. On motion, ordered that the missionary of this Association be recognized as its Colporteur.

9. Bro. O D Strickland read the report on S. Schools. Remarks by O D Strickland and Dr Harrell. Adopted.

10. Bro D W Williams read the report on the Baptist Orphanage. Remarks by Bro D W Williams, when a cash collection for this object was taken up amounting to $2 27. Report adopted.

11. On motion, ordered that the Clerk have ten dollars for his services, and spend the balance of the minute money in printing and distributing the minutes.

12. Rev D W Tew offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this Church and vicinity for the very able and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the visitors and messengers of this Session of the Association

13 The Moderator appointed the following committees: To nominate preachers to preach stated sermons at the next session, R N Butler, J O Tew and O D Strickland; to nominate corresponding messengers and delegates to Baptist State Convention, J M Johnson, John Rench and M W Naylor.

14 Rev R Huneycutt read the report on Obituaries On motion adopted

15. Committee to nominate preachers to preach stated sermons at next Session reported as follows: To preach Introductory Sermon, R Huneycutt; to preach Missionary Sermon, J O Tew, Adopted.

16. On motion, took a recess to 1:30 p m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

17 Dr. Harrell read the report on Foreign Missions. Remarks by Dr Harrell Adopted.

18 The report on Temperance was read by Dr Harrell. Remarks by Dr Harrell and adopted.

19 Bro J M Johnson, from the committee to nominate correspondents and delegates to Baptist State Convention, reported as follows: Baptist State Convention, W B Harrell, J L Autry and Ollen D Strickland; to Little River Association, D Williford, H L Hall; Cedar Creek Association, J B Downing, I Strickland; Eastern Association, J O Tew, R N Butler; Raleigh Association, M W Naylor, R Huneycutt. On motion adopted

20. On motion, adjourned to time and place of next Session. Closing exercises conducted by Dr W B Harrell.

H. L. HALL, Moderator.

John B. Downing, Clerk.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren, your Executive Board begs leave to submit the following report:

At our meeting in June at Macedonia our brother, Isham Royal, who have been so long the Chairman of this Board, left for another field of work, and we have since felt the need of his cheering presence, and wise counsel in all our work. We have in our employ two Missionaries laboring at important points in our bounds, Bro. W. B. Harrell at Poplar Grove School House in Johnston county, and Bro. John Prevatte at Roseboro in Sampson county, and McMillan's Chapel in Cumberland county. The work at all these places is progressing, and the prospects very encouraging. At the Poplar Grove School house we have a church organized with 27 members, and a house will be built for the Lord at an early day. At McMillan's Chapel a church has been organized, and recently 15 were added to it it by baptism, making 24. The brethren intend to build a house near there in the near future. At Roseboro, the house (which has been twice blown down) is again up, and covered and nearly ready for use. Bro. Prevatte (our missionary) at this place has labored on the house with his own hands, assisted by another minister, Rev. D. S. Bullard. The work has been a labor of love at this point, and the Lord is blessing it.

The Board at its meeting in December requested the ministers of this Association to give one week's service to mission work in our Association at some point to be selected by themselves, and some of them have kindly complied with our request. Bro. R. Honeycutt held a meeting of days at Hudson's School house in Johnston county, and baptised 8 persons on a profession of faith in Christ, and expects to organize a church at that place the near future. Rev. John Prevatte held a meeting at Beaver Dam School house in Wayne county. He also contemplates organizing a church at this point. There are other destitute sections in the bounds of our Association where it is desirable to send missionaries, and which your Board would be glad to occupy, but the necessry funds are not in hand for the work.

We appeal to the pastors of our churches, and would entreat them to take up collections at all their regular meetings for Association missions in our bounds. Respectfully Submitted,

Jno. B. Downing, Chairman.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren:— your committee recommend the Biblical Recorder, the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children and the Foreign Mission Journal, all worthy of our patronage. They should be read by our Baptist people throughout the State. The Biblical Recorder, our organ, tells us of the objects of the Convention and our work throughout the State as a denomination, therefore we cannot afford to do without the information it brings to us. The North Carolina Baptist is sound in doctrine and a strong advocate of the temperance cause throughout the land. Charity and Children tells us of our Orphanage which is located at Thomasville and the needs of our orphans. The Foreign Mission Journal tells of our foreign mission work in heathen lands, therefore we recommend all to avail themselves of the imformation these papers bring to us.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

From Oct. 23, 1894 to Oct. 23, 1895.

Oct. 24, 1894.	To amount on hand	$ 69	01
	Received from R. N. Butler	39	64
Dec. 27, 1894.	Concord	9	60
	Macedonia	3	30
	Magnolia	3	65
	Mill Creek		75
	Piney Green	6	00
	Trinity		75
	Salem	11	45
	Baptist Chapel	3	92
	White Oak	3	93
Mch. 30,1895.	Autryville	1	45
	Calvary	3	00
	Pleasant Union	3	17
	Royal's Chapel	2	46
	Hickory Grove		55
	Mt. Elam	1	95
	Antioch	3	93
	Spring Branch	6	26
	Clement	3	58
	Long Branch	2	92
	Union Grove	2	10
	Ever Green		46
	Canaan		65
	McMillan's Chapel	2	50
	Browns	1	00
	Public collections	9	63
	Total	197	61

Dec. 28, 1894.		Cr.
	Paid Rev. John Prevatte	$ 10 00
	" " W. B. Harrell	10 00
Mch. 30,1895.	" " John Prevatte	22 50
	" " W. B. Harrell	15 00
June 27.	" " John Prevatte	30 00
	" " W. B. Harrell	15 00
Sept. 27.	" " John Prevatte	30 00
	" " W. B. Harrell	15 00
Oct. 23.	" " John Prevatte	10 00
	Balance on hand	40 00
	Total	197 61

W. Royal, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct

D. W. Tew, } Committee.
Ollen Jackson, }

STATE MISSIONS.

To day the Baptist denomination in North Carolina, out numbers all other denominations put together; we say this, not boasting, but humbly thank God for it, and we believe that under God State missions has largely been the means of our success. More than one hundred and sixty years ago the first Missionary Baptist church was organized in North Carolina, and to day there are about ninety missionaries laboring under the Board, preaching at nevearly 300 stations in the State. We urge this Asseciation to contribute liberally to this God given work which has been, and still is so potent in our denominational growth.

Respectfully, D. W. Tew.

HOME MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren: The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. There are more unregenerated persons within the limits of this Board than there were fifty years ago, yet it is doing a great work.

It is said that not less than one eighth of the numerical strength of the Baptists of the South is due to the work of the Home Mission Board. It is doing work in sixteen States of our country, besides it is doing a great work in Cuba.

The increase of missionaries this year is nearly 12 per cent and of baptisms 32 per cent. The Board asks for its work this year one hundred thousand dollars, and it has aportioned that amount among the states. Three times the amount asked for would not supply the wants of the twenty five millions of people living to-day on the field of the Home Mission Board. And what is one hundred thousand dollars to a million and a half Baptists. How easily could it be raised if our people had a mind to work for the Lord. May the dawning of the coming century see a thousand missionaries working under our Board, gathering from this whitening harvests heaves for the garner of our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted, M. W. Naylor.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There is need and great need that the subject of this report be more fully and thoroughly brought before our people, and all people, everywhere in the broad scope of our land. The young who are to take the places of honor and trust, should have every advantage and opportunity that our schools and academies, and colleges can possibly afford. This Association has now within her bounds, located at Autryville, in Sampson county. The South River Baptist Institute, conducted by Bro. J. W. Smith, a graduate of our college at Wake Forest, and it should receive the herty support of our brethren, especially as it is here in our midst, and was built for the education of the children of our people, and all others who desire their young boys and girls to be taught in the ways of knowledge and all mental attainments necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of life. Besides this, there is a need for help in the education of young ministers who are called of God to preach the gospel. and our college at Wake Forest is the place to send them.

Many other things may be said and truthfully, too, on this great and important subject, but we trust they may suffice to bring the subject before this body.

Respectfully Submitted, I. STRICKLAND, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Robt. N. Butler, Treasurer South River Association from Oct. 24th 1894 to Oct 23rd 1895 Dr.

Received	from finance committee	
"	Minute fund	28 50
"	Associational missions	35 59
"	State missions	7 65
"	Home missions	3 75
"	Foreign missions	18 11
"	Baptist Orphanage	4 55
"	Education	1 32
"	Gospel missions	1 00
"	Collection for Associational missions.	4 05
"	Collections for minute fund	1 75
"	From the churches during the year:	
	Pleasant Union, Foreign missions	1 25
"	Baptist Orphanage	25
"	Mill Creek church: Gospel missions	1 60
"	Baptist Orphanage	1 00
"	Salem church, Baptist Orphanage	50
"	White Oak Church: State missions	70
"	Home missions	22
"	Foreign missions	46
"	Baptist Orphanage	1 89
"	Ministerial education.	41
"	Ministerial R. Fund	1 68
"	Magnolia church: Gospel missions	29
"	Antioch church: Baptist Orphanage	26
"	Dec. at Un. meet. Associational missions	1 08
"	Collection for Gospel missions	1 03

Received	" " Bap, Orph. Un. meet. June..	1 13
"	Col. Bap. Orph. Royal Chapel in July.....	1 14
"	" " " at White Oak in Nov....	2 30
	Total....................................	$ 123 46
By	Amount J. B. Downing minute fund.......	30 25
"	Treasure Bap, Orph. Sundry times........	12 54
"	" B. S. Convention Sundry times...	34 17
"	W. Royal Asso. missions Sundry times	40 72
"	Money order, fees and postage.......... .	75
	Total.................................... .	$ 118 43

Robt. N. Butler, Treasurer,

Audited and found correct.

D. W. Tew,
Ollen Jackson, } Committee.

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

It is of the utmost importance that a correct Scriptural discipline be strictly maintained in our churches. The neglect of it fills a church with evils which chcks the growth of pity, hinders the success of the Gospel and reproach the Christian profession; while from an injudicious unreasonable and unscriptural exercise of it more difficult dessensions and divisions have arisen than perhaps from any other single cause. Therefore your committee recommend that every church to exercise a good holesome Discipline.

Respectfully Submitted, John Prevatte, Com.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Dear Brethren:— in view of the fact that our Savior went about spreading his fame, we too, as those professing to be his followers, should indeavor to spread those truths that we hold as Baptists and we believe the Colportage work is one way by which we may reach many that will not otherwise be reached with the gospel.

Respectfully Submitted, J. M. Johnson.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Dear Brethren:— The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is our own, and therefore it deserves our support, and the 120 barefooted orphan children that are these are children of our brethren and sisters, and we are responsible for their support. Brethren, we are taught that "Pure Religion, undefiled religion before God and the Father is this." To visit the fartherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. If we can't visit the Orphanage in person we can and and ought to give of our means to support those that Providence has seen fit to place in our midst for us to care for. We beg permission to ask the pastors and delegates to take regular collections for this worthy object.

Respectfully Submitted, D. W. Williams.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Dear Brethren:—your committee report the following since our last meeting. A number of our members have passed into eternity.

Among them Elder Reubin Fisher. Bro. Fisher was a faithful servant of the Master for a number of years, perhaps forty or more and planted the gospel in many places in the South River Association, and beside this servant of God 11 more of our Brethren and sisters have answered to the call in heaven. Brethren this teaches us that we will not all meet again in an earthly association, but let us all pray without ceasing that we may all answer that call where we will meet in that eternity association to part no more.

Respectfully Submitted, R. HONEYCUTT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The subject of Foreign Missions is one that should claim the earnest support of every lover of our Lord Jesus Christ, for His last command on earth was that recorded in the last chapter of Matt. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in (or into) the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of rhe world Amen.

Here we have the orders, "marching orders," as has been well said, of the Great Commander to His own. His soldiers, His servants, and, as it is His to command, it is ours to obey.

Success has greatly crowned the efforts of our brethren on the foreign fields in this work, and a large number of precious souls are, and have been, saved through their faith, even as we are saved in the Lord Jesus Christ, through our faith in Him, also.

We remember that this Association at the last session passed a resolution unanimously, as recorded in the last minutes, page 13, that they would to their utmost, sustain our brethren and sisters who labor in foreign lands in the Gospel Mission work, praying God's blessings continually upon them. And to-day we have the following missionaries, namely: G. P. Bostick and wife, T. F. Leage, and 'till recently our noble sister Fannie S. Knight King, called home to the heavenly land, W. D. King, her husband, T. P. Crawford and wife, D. W. Herring, W. E. Crocker, T. L. Blalock, F. M. Royall and Miss Emma Humphries and Miss Mary D. Sullivan.

Shall we not bear these consecrated servants to God continually on our hearts and pray for them? And will we not help them with our means, as the Lord has prospered us, that we may give to them that necessary temporal support for the body, that they may be able to impart to the destitute heathen that knowledge of the way of life, necessary for the soul?

Respectfully Submitted, W. B. HARRELL.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

In a recent work, by a distinguished author, on the subject of alcoholic drinks, we find these words of wisdom giving the opinions or two learned physicians on the great evil of the age, Liquor Drinking.

1st. That alcohol is a physiological poison; and that like opium, tobacco, and most other narcotics, the use of it, in the form of intoxicating drinks, begets a constantly increasing appetite.

2nd. When habitually used to excess, either in distilled, fermented or malt liquors, it brings about organic derangements, as well as functional diseases of the human body.

3rd. When thus used, foul diseases of alcoholic origen are surely created, and are transmitted by heredity, to off spring in the character of morbid tendencies to desire injurious stimulants; and such functional disturbances are produced, as end in insanity, imbecility, crime, deaf-mutism, and many incurable disorders of the nervous system.

4th. The wide-spread abuse of the Narcotic, chloral as well as the use of all stomachic stimulants may generally be traced to the use of alcoholic drinks, either in the immediate progenitors, or the more remote ancestors of the family using them.

If these facts are known, (and facts they are) and as all intellegent medical men will acknowlodge, then to foster or encourage the use of alcoholic drinks which are poisons, in communities, either by Legislative enactments or by town corporate authority is a crime, a most grievous crime in the light of God's word, against the rising generation of boys and girls now in our midst; and all who encourage such use or sale or manufacture of intoxicants in this day, will be held accountable to God for this sin in the Great Day that is coming. Therefore we would urge our churches to wash their hands of so foul an iniquity, and to insist upon it that their membership renounce the use of all alcoholic drinks, as a beverage. entirely from henceforth, as the practice is degrading to the Christian name and profession.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. HARRELL.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF BOARD.

Dear Brethren of the South River Association, we think this is a very worthy object and should receive prompt attention and aid of our churches, the poor have the gospel preached to them and God very often calls the poor to preach the gospel. God ordained that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel, and yet very few of our preachers receive enough to live upon much less anything to lay by for age or affliction, therefore we would urge that the churches of our Association be requested to take at least one collection during the year for this object. W. M. PAGE.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Nearly nineteen hundred years ago we find Christ entering into the Synagogue on the Sabbath teaching the people, therefore let the pastors, deacons or some live members see that each church in the Association is organized in teaching the Bible. Therefore let every church have a good working Sunday School as we believe this is the place where this work should be done. Let us make the schools so interesting until the people will be like David. I was glad when they said, let us go into the house of the Lord.

We recommend as helpers for Superintendents and teachers those furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society. There are other good helpers too, those of the Southern Baptist Convention, We earnestly beg the schools to supply themselves with these helps. Respectfully Submitted, O. D. STRICKLAND.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it,each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each Annual Session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the sessions of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

ART. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and Misssonary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence, the Clerk shall call the Association together, and a moderator pro. tem. shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the moderator or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session, and before proceeding to business, the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4. The members shall observe toward the officers, and each other, that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, rise and address the moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the moderator before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

No member shall absent himself during the session of the Assembly without the permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association: and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

18. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consiedration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9, Adjournment.

History of the Churches of the South River Association, Continued.

OLIVER'S GROVE.

This church is in Johnston county about three miles from Four Oaks, a railroad station on the Wilson and Fayetteville railroad and was organized on Feb. 24th 1878 by a presbytery of Baptist Elders, composed of A. B. Alderman, W. M. Page and S. C. Page, at the urgent request of two Baptist brethren living in a section of country destitute of church privileges as we hold them. These brethren were Bro E. R. Oliver and Bro. Haywood Johnson.

After the presbytery was organized letters of dismission from other Baptist churches of our faith and order. the above brethren presented, and they were received. Bro. Oliver's letter being from Smithfield Baptist church, and Bro. Johnson's from Clayton. A covenant was read and agreed to, such as is used by all regular Baptist churches; and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them; whereupon they were declared to be a gospel church of Christ, called Baptist, with all privileges and powers of such organizations among us. Elder A. B. Alderman being chairman of the presbytery.

Elder S. C. Page was, by the church in conference, elected and called their first pastor, and Bro, E. R. Oliver, chosen clerk of the church. Oliver's Grove church joined the South River Association in the same year (1878) at Piney Green church, and was represented by Haywood Johnson and E. R. Oliver. The next year Bro. S. C. Page being called again to serve them as pastor, he and his wife united by letter with the church here, and Bro. Page continued as pastor 'till 1881. After that date they were served by Elder Reuben Newton as pastor 'till 1882, when the church called Elder J. O. Tew to that office. The church has always been forward in missionary enterprises, both Associational and Foreign; attending the union meetings and the annual sessions of the Association wherever held. In looking over the church book, the name of Rev. Wm. Bland appears as moderator in 1883, also J. A. Dawson; but whether these brethren were serving as pastors during that year, I do not find record on the book. Elder J. O. Tew was pastor in 1885, and Elder R. Honeycutt elected to that office in Oct. 1891; and is pastor at the present writing (1895.)

The church has not grown in numbers, to any great extent, but at present numbers some 15 members, but the South River Association was held at this church, this year (1895) and well cared for by the whole community, including Four Oaks, whose open hearted citizens were exceedingly liberal in providing hospitality to all delegates, visitors and strangers who were assigned to their care.

UNION GROVE.

Elder H. J. Duncan, in April 1878, made an appointment at Purdom's School house to preach. Many people came out to hear the word, and other appointment was made for that day, one month off, and still a goodly number of hearers were there as before. And in Sept. of the same year, a presbytery of Elders was called to that point, composed of W. M. Page and Bro. S. C. Page for the purpose of constituting a Missionary Baptist church. The School hause aforesaid (Purdom's) is in Sampson county, and it was here, on Oct. 8th 1878, the organization was effected, known as the Union Grove Baptist church, through and by letters of dismission from other Baptist churches, with the followng names; Brethren W. K. Hair, Wiley Williams, Daniel Williams, Sr., Daniel Williams, Jr., Thos. Williams, John R. Ezzell, with sisters Susan B. Williams, Chellie Williams, Emily C. Williams, Annie M. Williams and Rachael Wade. These were the original twelve members of Union Grove Baptist church. Bro. Wiley Williams was elected clerk of the church, and Elder J O. Tew called to serve them as their first pastor. Of those above named, who were in the organization in the beginning, but who have crossed over the river are, brethren W. K. Hair, Daniel Williams, Sr., Wiley Williams, Thos. William, and sister Annie M. Williams. The rest remain till present.

The present clerk, Bro. R. W. Howard, sends us only a very short account of what the church has done in the past, but we suppose she has ever been engaged in the Sunday School work, and is now; and that she contributes of her means to the cause of missions and to all the benevolent objects of our people. Of the present number of members and their pastor's name, we are not informed in the letter sent us. W. B. Harrell, Historian.

	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils....	Total........	No. of months kpt open during year.	Superintendents	Post Office.	Minute Fund.	Association Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Home Missions.	Bap. Orphanage	Education.	Ministers Relief Fund
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MINUTES

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1896

South River Baptist Institute,

AUTRYVILLE, N. C.

An Associational School for Both Sexes. 13th Semi-Annual Term Begins January, 1897.

Exceedingly heathful location. Railroad and telegraph office. 15 miles from Fayetteville, on C F & Y. V. Ry. Religious advantages excellent. Two good Literary Societies; good Library. First class building, maps, charts, musical instruments, &c Business, Music, Teaching and Preparatory courses taught. Last session highly satisfactory. The school is now under the control of a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Association. Board, including washing, lights and fuel, only $6.00; club rates less Tuition $1 00 to $2 50.

J. W. SMITH, JR., A. B., Principal.

(Wake Forest College,) 5 years experience.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

CHURCH AT BAPTIST CHAPEL,

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 21, 22, and 23rd, 1896.

OFFICERS.

Moderator, HAYNES L. HALL, Falcon N. C.
Clerk, JOHN B. DOWNING. Buckhorn, N. C.
Treasurer, ROBT. N. BUTLER, Clinton, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

C. A. G. Thomas, Fayetteville, Cumberland County, N. C.
Wiley M. Page, Falcon, " " "
S. C. Page, Rhodes, " " "
G. A. Bain, Kyle's Landing, " " "
J. W. Bell, Clinton, Sampson County, "
Redin Honeycutt, Beaman's X Roads, " " "
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store, " " "
H. J. Duncan, Clinton, " " "
John Prevatt, Huntly, " " "
D. S. Bullard, Roseboro, " " "
W. C. Barrett, Huntly, " " "
W. B. Harrell, Dunn, Harnett County, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND POST OFFICES.

J. A. Oates, Jr., Chairman, Fayetteville, Cumberland Co., N. C.
Whitney Royal, Sec'y and Treas'r, Clinton, Sampson Co., N. C.
Robert N. Butler, Clinton, Sampson County, N. C.
Olin D. Strickland, Giles' Mill, Sampson County, N. C.
Sam'l A. Howard, Huntly, Sampson County, N. C.
James M. Johnson, McKay, Sampson County, N. C.
Angus Bain, Godwin, Cumberland County, N. C.

TIME OF MEETING.

October 20, 1897.
Place—Antioch, Cumberland County, N. C.
Introductory Sermon—C A. G. Thomas.
Missionary Sermon—W. M. Page.

PROCEEDINGS.

Baptist Chapel, Sampson Co., N. C.
October 21, 1896.

The South River Baptist Association met with this church in its Twentieth Annual Session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by R Honeycutt, from 2 Cor. 6th chapter 16th verse, "And they shall be my people." After the sermon, took a recess to 1 p. m.

1 o'clock p. m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. H. L. Hall, who read the 36th Psalm. Song, My soul be on thy guard. Prayer, Rev. B. W. Spilman leading.

An address of welcome on behalf of the church, by Bro. J. R. Brown. Response by Rev. W. C. Barrett on behalf of the Association.

Appointed: J. W. Smith and W. C. Barrett Reading Clerks, and S. A. Howard and J. B. Bryant Finance Committee.

Called roll of churches and enrolled messengers as follows:

Antioch—H. L. Hall, Angus Bain, S. Godwin.
Autryville—J. W. Smith, J. T. Williams.
Baptist Chapel—J. T. Williams, W. W. Bass, J. R. Brown.
Brown's—not represented.
Calvary—James M. Johnson, S. Gilbert, C. B. Westbrook.
Canaan—B. Elmore, J. L. Eldridge.
Center—W. F. House, K. Matthews, D. W. Royal.
Clement—I. Williams, James L. Autry.
Concord.—John B. Downing, John B. Bedsole.
Elizabeth—T. R. Landon, W. L. Stephens, John Lewis.
Evergreen—by letter.
Hickory Grove—J. Strickland, D. H. Sinclair, George Jones.
Long Branch—Jasper Horne, T. B. Hall, George Autry.
Macedonia—by letter.
Magnolia—John B. Bryant.
Mary's Chapel—not represented.

Mill Creek—J. E. Horne, F. H. Horne.
Mt. Elam—Wm. Strickland, T. N. Jackson, O. S. Tindal.
Oliver's Grove—J. A. Tyner, Haywood Johnson.
Piney Green—I. T. McLamb, Luke Butler, Henry Canady.
Pleasant Union—Jordan Sessoms.
Roseboro—not represented.
Rowan—I. G. Malpas, J. T. Chestnutt.
Royal's Chapel—C. H. Butler.
Salem—Samuel A. Howard, A. J. Cooper, H. A. Cooper.
Spring Branch—M. W. Naylor, A. Baggett, R. T. Warren.
Trinity—F. M. Holly, J. T. Godwin.
Union Grove—R. Williams, C. Williams, W. B. Honeycutt.
White Oak—R. N. Butler, J. A. Underwood, G. L. Sikes.

On motion, the letter from Antioch having a petition for the next meeting, was laid on the table.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. On motion, the rules were suspended, and J. L. Autry was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for Haynes L. Hall for Moderator, and A. J. Cooper cast ballot for John B. Downing for Clerk, and J. W. Smith to cast ballot for Robert N. Butler for Treasurer.

The Moderator gave an invitation to visiting and corresponding messengers. Revs. R. A. Hedgpeth and E. J. Edwards from the Cedar Creek Association, and Rev. B. W. Spilman representing State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, accepted the invitation and were welcomed. Robert N. Butler announced that he would represent the *Biblical Recorder*, and *Charity and Children*. Jas. L. Autry represented the *North Carolina Baptist*.

Called for petitionary letters, when the church at Beulah (newly constituted) presented her letter asking for admission. On Motion, the church was received, and Handy McLamb, J. W. Lamb, and J. B. Young enrolled as messengers. Also, the church at Fayetteville, with a letter from the Robeson Association. On motion, it was accepted, and John A. Oates, Jr., and D. J. Breece enrolled as messengers, and given the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

The Moderator announced the following committees: State Missions, B. W. Spilman; Foreign Missions, Dr. W. B. Harrell; Home Missions, W. C. Barrett; Sabbath Schools, Henry Cooper;

Temperance, Jas. L. Autry; Baptist Orphanage R. A. Hedgpeth; Obituaries, John Prevatt; Ministerial Relief Board, E. J. Edwards; Education, H. J. Duncan; Periodicals, R. Honeycutt; Colportage, T. B. Hall; Church Discipline, W. M. Page; Auditing Committee, J. A. Oates, Jr., and J. A. Underwood; Committee on Religions Exercises, Officers of this Church with Dr. Harrell; on Programme, J. A. Oates, Jr., Dr. Harrell, and M. W. Naylor.

Programme for to-morrow 9:30 a. m.: Devotional exercises conducted by J. A. Underwood. 10 a. m. Association meets. 10:15, Report of Ex. Board. 11 a. m., Missionary Sermon by R. A. Hedgpeth. 1 p. m., Report on Education. 1:30 p. m., Orphanage. On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Sung Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Benediction by M. W. Naylor.

SECOND DAY.

October 22, 1896.

9:30 a. m. Spent half hour in devotional exercises conducted by J. A. Underwood.

10 a. m. Association called to order by the Moderator who read 5th chapter Gallations. Dr. Harrell led in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday read corrected and approved.

Called for and read letters from churches not represented yesterday.

Renewed invitation to visitors. No response.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

To nominate an Ex. Board—Dr. Harrell, R. Honeycutt.

To nominate Corresponding Messengers and Delegates to State Convention—J. C. Williford, A. J. Cooper, J. W. Smith.

To nominate Preachers to preach Stated Sermons at next Session—Jasper Horne, R. N. Butler, Fleet H. Horne.

On motion, J. W. Smith was appointed Statistician for the Association.

The report of the Ex. Board was read. Remarks by John Prevatt R. Honeycutt, Dr. Harrell, J. L. Autry, W. C. Barrett, and J. A. Oates, Jr. The hour of 11 having arrived the Association took a recess to 1 o'clock p. m. The Missionary Sermon was then preached by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth from Romans 1st chapter and 16th verse. At the close of the sermon took a collection for Association missions amounting to $8.55.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. p. m, The Association is called to order by the Moderator. The consideration of the report of the Ex. Board being the unfinished business was called, when remarks by H. J. Duncan were made and a cash collection for building purposes at Beulah church was taken, amounting to $6.30, and the report adopted.

On motion, the Ex. Board was instructed to employ two missionaries for all their time. Preaching at the stand by Rev. B. W. Spilman.

Rev. H. J. Duncan read the report on Education. Remarks were made by J. W. Smith, W. C. Barrett, J. A. Campbell, and adopted. See report.

Rev. J. A. Campbell, from Little River Association, was recognized and welcomed.

J. A. Oates, Jr., offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Associatlon accept that part of the report of the Ex. Board concerning the school at Autryville, and that the property be accepted for an Associational School, and that the Association now appoint Trustees for the government of the school.

In accordrnce with the foregoing resolution the Association elected the following Trustees: J. B. Downing, Jas. L. Autry, Jno. A. Oates, Jr., H. L. Hall, J. T. Williams, E. T. Turlington, and O. D. Strickland.

The report on Orphanage was read and spoken to by W. C. Barrett and J. L. Autry, and adopted. See report.

Committee to arrange programme for to-morrow reported as follows: 9:30 a. m., devotional exercises by J. A. Campbell. 9:45 a. m., State missions, Sunday schools, and Colportage. 11 a. m., Foreign mlssions. 11:30 a. m., Periodicals. 12 m., Temperance. 12:30 p. m., recess. 1:30 p. m., Obituaries. 1:45 p. m., Church discipline. 2:15 p. m., Ministers' Relief Board. 2:30 p. m., Miscellaneous business and adjourn at will.

Committee to nominate an Ex. Board reported as follows: Jno. A. Oates, Jr., O. D. Strickland, Jas. M. Johnson, Robt. N. Butler, S. A. Howard, Angus Bain and Whitney Royal. Report adopted. On motion, adjourned to 9:30 a. m., to-morrow. Benediction by Dr. Harrell.

THIRD DAY.

October 23, 1896.

9:30 a. m. Spent 15 minutes in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. A. Campbell.

9:45 a. m., the Association is called to order by the Moderator, who read a part of the 12 chapter of Romans, and led in prayer.

Read and approved Minutes of yesterday. Called roll of messengers and noted absentees.

The report on State missions was read by B. W. Spilman. Remarks by B. W. Spilman. Adopted. See report.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by H. Cooper. Remarks by B. W. Spilman and J. L. Autry, and adopted. See report.

The report on Home missions was read by Rev. W. C. Barrett. Remarks by W. C. Barrett and adopted. See report.

The report on Foreign missions was read by Dr. Harrell, and spoken to by Dr. Harrell, B. W. Spilman, W. C. Barrett, J. A. Campbell, and adopted. See report.

The Trustees of the South River Institute submitted the following report which was adopted. See report.

The Finance committee reported. Report adopted. See report.

The report of Ex. Board was read and adopted. See report.

The Treasurer's report of the South River Asssciation was read and adopted. See report.

Bro. J. A. Oates, Jr., read a report from the Ex. Board, requesting the churches to raise for Associational Missions this year as follows:

Antioch $25, Autryville $10, Baptist Chapel $25, Beulah $10, Brown's $12, Calvary $20, Canaan $40, Center $30, Clement $20, Concord $18, Elizabeth $20, Ever Green $5, Fayetteville $75, Hickory Grove $10, Long Branch $18, Macedonia $10, Mary's Chapel $5, Mill Creek $10, Mt. Elam $5, Piney Green $18, Pleasant Union $15, Roseboro $5, Brown's $15, Royal's Chapel $8, Salem $50, Spring Branch $50, Trinity $6, Union Grove $10, White Oak $30, Woman's Missionary Society, Salem, $5. Total $600. On motion, adopted.

Rev. Reddin Honeycutt read the report on Periodicals. Remarks by W. C. Barrett, and was adopted. See report.

J. L. Autry read the report on Temperance. Remarks by

Dr. Harrell and Jno. A. Oates, Jr., and was adopted. See report.

The Association took a recess to 1:15 p. m. Benediction by Rev. B. W. Spilman.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:15 p. m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The report on Obituaries was read by John Prevatt and adopted. See report.

Committee to nominate preaches for stated sermons at the next Session, reported as follows:

Introductory Sermon—Rev. C. A. G. Thomas.

Missionary Sermon—Rev. W. M. Page.

Committee to nominate correspondents reported as follows:

Southern Baptist Convention—Jno. A. Oates, Jr.

Baptist State Convention—Dr. W. B. Harrell, W. M. Page, and H. L. Hall.

Eastern Association—Rev. H. J. Duncan and J. A. Underwood.

Little Rivar Association—W. B. Harrell and Angus Bain.

Cedar Creek Association—John B. Downing and J. W. Smith.

On motion, adopted.

Rev. W. M. Page read the report on church discipline, which was adopted. See report.

Dr. W. B. Harrell introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the South River Association having learned that the union meeting at Royal's Chapel, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in August, passed a resolution recommending to the churches of this body to withdraw fellowship from all persons professing sinless perfection or instantaneous sanctification among them, do hereby heartily and truly approve of the action of the said union meeting as wise and proper for all our churches.

John A. Oates, Jr., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association desires to heartily commend the fight of our brethren against State aid to Higher Education. We are opposed to this unnatural system, and pledge ourselves to strive for a change in the present plan.

On motion, the letter from Antioch, having a petition for the next Session, was taken from the table, and proceeded to locate the next Session. On motion, agreed to meet at Antioch.

Bro. J. W. Smith read the report on Ministers' Relief Board. Adopted. See report.

The Board of Trustees of South River Baptist Institute, appointed by the Ex. Board, reported as follows, which was adopted. See report.

Report of Principal South Baptist Institute to Trustees, was read and adopted. See report.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk have $10 for his services and expend the balance of the money in printing and distributing Minutes.

J. L. Autry offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the Baptist Chapel Church, and the good people of this vicinity, for their kind and hospitable entertainment.

On motion, adjourned. Closing exercises conducted by Rev W. M. Page.

Thus ended one of the largest and most harmonious Sessions of the South River Association.

HAYNES L. HALL, MODERATOR.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Clerk.

REPORTS.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

We, as Baptists, claim to have no creed nor discipline, but the New Testament. Are we being guided by its teachings? Your committee thinks that good and wholesome discipline is one of the best means to obtain the purity and progress of our churches.

W. M. PAGE.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The importance of a live Baptist Sunday School is recognized by all. It should be our object that a live Baptist Sunday School be kept open within reach of every individual in our State. We urge upon our people that wherever possible a Baptist Sunday School be organized.

HENRY COOPER.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The foundation of all of our denominational enterprises is State Missions. It has for its object, the preaching of the Gospel in every section of North Carolina. The great progress of Baptist principles in North Carolina is due more largely to State Missions than to any other agency.

We urge upon the churches an increase of contributions for the next year, so that the work may go forward.

B. W. SPILMAN.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There has never been any work undertaken by North Carolina Baptists which has more tenderly appealed to the hearts of our people than our Baptist orphanage, at Thomasville. It is under the kind and efficient control of Bro. J. B. Boone.

There are about 145 helpless children there that are to be cared for and trained for heaven These children must be fed and clothed and kept warm during the winter. Let us heartily help in this good work, and encourage Sunday Schools to contribute to it. We also recommend *Chraity and Children*, the paper published at the Orphanage

Respectfully submitted,
Rowland A. Hedgpeth.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is the developing of the mental faculties with which God has blessed the human family. The youth of our land, who are soon to assume the great responsibilities of life in church and State, in order that they may be a blessing to mankind and glorify God, we should put forth every effort to educate the rising generation. We have in our midst two good and prosperous institutions of learning; one at Salem, conducted by Rev. W. C. Barrett, a graduate at Wake Forest; and also the South River Baptist Institute, conducted by Bro. J. W. Smith, a graduate at Wake Forest. This should receive the hearty support of our brethren.

There is a need for help in the education of young men called of God to preach the Gospel, and our college at Wake Forest is the place to send them We might say more on this topic, but we hope enough is written to present this subject before this body.

H J. Duncan.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Dear Brethren: Your committee report the following since our last meeting

God has called and 34 of our members have answered the call and passed over the river into the spirit land. Let us remember that we will soon pass away, and while we have opportunity let us do all the good we can.

Respectfully submitted,
John Prevatt.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

There are many of our brethren in the ministry who have worn out their lives in the service of the gospel, and now in the decline of life they deserve some assistance from their brethren.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. Smith.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

We, the Board of Trustees, appointed by the Associational Board for the South River Baptist Institute, met May 30th, 1896, and proceeded to elect the following officers: J. L. Autry, chairman; J. T. Williams, secretary and treasurer.

The name of J. W. Smith was offered as Principal, and on motion, he was unanimously elected. Prof. Smith being informed of his election, accepted with a guarantee of $40.00 per month by the Board, and be responsible for all collections. On motion it was decided to open the school Monday, Aug. 3, 1896.

The report was made to the Union and accepted.

J. L. Autry, Chm'n.
J. T. Williams, Sec'y

The following amounts were pledged for equipment of the Institution, to be paid in three payments: J. W. Smith, $5,00; J. T. Williams, $10.00; L. W. Autry, $3.00; J A Oates, Jr.,$3.00 W. T. Fisher, $2.00; Thomas Bullock, $1.50; E. A. Lewis, $1.50; F. I. McKenzie, $1.50; J. L. Autry, $5.00. Total, $32.50.

Respectfully submitted.
J. T. Williams, Treasurer

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren:—Your committee recommends the *Biblical Recorder*, the *North Carolina Baptist*, *Charity & Children* and the *Foreign Mission Journal*—all worthy of your prtronage. They should be read by our Baptist people throughout the State. The *Biblical Recorder*, our organ, tells us of the objects of the Convention and our work throughout the State as a denomination. The *North Caroltna Baptist* is sound in doctrine and a strong advocate of the temperance cause throughout the land. *Charity and Children* tells us of our Orphanage which is located at Thomasville and the needs of our orphans. The *Foreign Mission Journal* tells us of our Foreign Mission work in heathen lands. Therefore, we cannot afford to do without the information those papers furnish us with. So we recommend all to avail themselves of the information they furnish us all with; especially the *North Carolina Baptist*, as we do now feel that it is our paper, grown and nourished among us. Respectfully submitted,

Your Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee would report: That Home Missions do not receive the support and consideration of the churches that they should.

We should return our most gratefnl acknowledgement to the Giver of all good gifts for the blessings which have attended this work in the past. But let us not be content with looking on our success in the past—expect great things in the future and do all we can to accomplish them.

Each of the five divisions of Home Missions is in itself a worthy cause. The native whites are a part of us and a part of that favored race of God's creation, who are to control the affairs of man and execute the plans of God. The number of our foreign population is continually increasing and we feel their power more and more in every election. To allow them to become citizens without Christianizing them endangers our government and threatens our religious institutions with isms which may prove a great injury

The Baptists have been more successful in working among he Indians than any other denomination. We have more Indian members than all the other denominations.

Our work in Cuba, which has been prospering so well is now stopped on account of the war, and our missionaries are aboring within our own borders. Let us pray that the Hand that ruleth all things may protect our property on the island and prepare the field better for the seeds of truth, which our missionaries carry wherever they go. The co-operative work of our Board in working with the negroes has been very successful and we hope, as a result, that a great number of this unfortunate and ignorant race may be brought into the true light of the gospel. From this glorious land of ours must go forth to the remotest nation the gospel's joyful tidings, and the redemption of our own land means the rédemption of the world

Respectfully submitted, W. C. Barrett.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The subject of missions is one that deeply concerns the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; and that of Foreign Missions does specially interest the followers of Christ in all plans of His dominion, for the last great command of our Lord to 'go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,' is as binding on his people to-day as it was in the beginning of the gospel. There are now over a hundred Baptist missiovaries in the Foreign field, laboring in China, Japan, India, South America, Mexico, and other portions of the world. Some of these are sustained by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Some eighteen or twenty missionaries are laboring in the interior of China, on the Gospel Mission plan, without the intervention of any board, and are directly supported by the churches, and by individual contributions. Both of these methods have their advocates and adherents among us. Let us as Baptists seek to have greater desires for the spread of the gospel in all the earth, till the day shall come when the kingdom of our Lord shall subdue all things unto itself.

W. B. Harrell.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

As Principal of your Associational School, the South River Baptist Institute, located at Autryville, Sampson county, N. C I submit the following report. By consultation and agreement with Brethren J. L. Autry, J. B. Downing, J. T. Williams, O. D. Strickland, E. T. Turlington, R. N. Butler and H. L. Hall, the board of trustees, the school was opened Aug. 3, 1896, and has the following corps of instructors: The Principal instructs in the Collegiate, Normal, Academic and Intermediate courses. Mrs. J. W. Smith, Business, Penmanship and Primary courses. Mrs. Platt Bullard has charge of the Music department. The young men have a Literary Society which meets on Thursday evening, and the young ladies a reading circle which meets on Wednesday afternoon. The circulating library which has born such encouraging fruits in the past, has been enlarged, to which has been added a reading room, and the following papers visit us daily and weekly: Biblical Recorder, N. C. BAPTIST, Evangelist, Charity and Children, News and Observer and Monroe Journal. The school is to be supplied, within the current term, with maps, charts, &c. To date the enrollment is 36. Religious advantages of the village and community are excellent. The building is commodious and in good condition. Terms of tuition and further particulars are appended herewith.

I hope the Association will give this school its most ardent support, in influence and patronage, not as a sectional school, but the special ward of the whole Association.

If the school be properly advanced it will do more for the Association than any other one element. Brethren. the school is yours. It is going to be what you demand it shall be. Foster and support it for its good power to the Association

Respectfully submitted, J. W. SMITH, JR., Pprincipal.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES S. R. B. I.

BRETHREN:—The Trustees met, and after cosideration, continued the plan of management begun by our predecessors, i. e. that Bro. J. W. Smith, Jr., be continued as Principal at a guarantee of $40 per month, until the expiration of the current term. We found the school prosperous and believe that in it lies the power for great development throughout the bounds of the Association. We selected Bro. J. B. Downing as chairman of the board and Bro. Jno. A. Oates, Jr., as Sec. and Treas.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. DOWNING, Chm'n.,
E. T. TURLINGTON, J. T. WILLIAMS,
H. L. HALL, J. L. AUTRY,
JNO. A. OATES, JR., Sec'y.

TEMPERANCE.

The command to the Apostolic church was to be temperate in all things, believing that we hold identically the same faith and order we urge this Association and all people to adhere strictly to this injunction especially in regard to strong drink which is improperly used as the sword of the Devil.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. AUTRY.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren: At your last session you instructed your Executive Board to employ a missionary for all his time. In compliance of these instructions, at our first meeting in October, we secured the services of the Rev. John Prevatte at a salary of three hundred dollars, and instructed him to preach regularly once a month at Roseboro, Center, Calvary and Beulah, which he has done, and reports increase at all the churches. Congregations at all these churches have been good and attentive and increasing. The church-house at Calvary is so that it can be used. At Bulah the deed for the land has been secured and the material for building a house is all on the place—also at Center. We also instructed him to employ the balance of his time in missionary work in the bounds of the association, which he has done. He reports 160 sermons, 125 religious visits, Baptized 34 converts, collected on the field $35.29 for associational missions and $13 for building purposes. Your board recommends that you keep at least one missionary on the field for all his time. The field is white unto harvest.

At our meeting at Concord Bro. J. L. Autry, the Joshua of Christian and Educational advancement in our association. announced to the board that the promised school building was complete, and that he was ready to deed the property to the association. The board accepted the generous gift of Bro. Autry in behalf of the association, and proceeded to elect the following trustees: J. L. Autry, Robert N. Butler, J. B. Downing, H. L. Hall, J. T. Williams, Ed. T. Turlington, O. D. Strickland. On motion Bro. J. L. Autry was made a permanent trustee. Brethren, we urge you to accept this property, foster and support it for its power in the association. The school has paid the guarantee of the board of trustees and meets the association with all responsibilities relieved. The report of the board of trustees is herewith appended.

John B. Downing, Chm'n.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresronding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the "South River Baptist Association."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute fund..	Asso. Mis......	State Mis......	Foreign Mis...	Home Mis...	Gospel Mis...	Orph
Antioch	1 05	2 02	....	2 01	....	....	...
Autryville,	1 85	1 25	....	....	....	....	...
Baptist Chapel,	1 95	2 00	....	2 00	....	....	...
Brown's	..	....	...	....	....	....	...
Beulah	50	1 00	....	....	....	....	...
Calvary	1 07	....	....	....	....	....	..
Canaan	1 15	1 80	....	....	....	....	..
Center	1 10	1 08	....	....	....	....	..
Clement	1 50	79	....	....	....	....	..
Concord	1 00	1 15	....	...	....	....	..
Elizabeth	1 35	....	....	....	...	....	..
Ever Green	50	1 02	....	....	....	....	..
Fayetteville	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Hickory Grove	....	2 50	....	....	....	....	..
Long Branch	75	2 44	...	...	....	....	..
Macedonia	50	1 70	....	....	....	....	..
Magnolia	80	67	....	1 06	....	....	..
Mary's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	..
Mill Creek	1 00	89	50	....	....	..	
Mt. Elam	1 00	3 16	....	....	...	....	1
Oliver's Grove,	50	2 00	....	....	....	....	..
Piny Green	50	1 00	60	1 00	....	....	..
Pleasant Union,	1 00	3 00	....	....	....	....	
Roseboro	55	1 00	....	....	....	....	
Rowan	1 06	....	....	....	....	....	..
Royal's Chapel,	35	65	....	....	....	....	..
Salem	2 00	6 00	10	10	7 00	2 00	9
Spring Branch,	2 50	3 25	2 50	2 50	1 00	...	1
Trinity	1 00	1 30	....	....	....	....	
Union Grove	1 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	
White Oak	1 27	2 19	10	2 85	....	....	..
	2880	4486	1370	2142	8 00	2 00	1

Public collection for Asso. Missions,
Pulic collection for Orphanage, $2.50
Salem W. M. S. Cash State Mis., $4

Respectfully submitted, S. A. Ho
J. B. Bry

STATISTICAL

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Time of Meeting....	No. of Teachers..	No. of Pupils...	Total.........	Superintendents
rd Sunday	8	72	80	G. W. Starling....
' "				
' "	4	60	64	Hiram Tew.......
h "	4	35	39	J. W. Bell......
' "				
rd "	7	25	32	J. M. Johnson.....
' "				
nd "	4	80	84	D. W. Royal......
h "	5	96	101	D. C. Matthews...
rd "	5	60	65	W. B. Horne......
h "	3	30	33	T. R. Landon.....
				Not Represented
ery "	23	200	223	J. A. Oates, Jr....
rd "				
h "	6	47	53	H. I. Hall.........
t "	4	40	44	Murd Starling....
d "	5	46	51	J. M. Page........
h "	6	30	36	Z. J. King........
' "	5	45	50	M. M. Sessoms....
d "	7	88	95	J. D. McLamb....
d "	4	36	40	J. A. Tiner.......
t "	6	84	90	Anderson Royal..
r. in letter	4	60	64	R. M. Royal......
				Not Represented.
t "	3	40	43	L. H. Best........
d "	3	30	33	G. W. Honeycutt..
d "	10	135	145	Henry A. Cooper..
t "	7	71	78	O. D. Strickland..
"				
				Not Represented.
"	12	129	141	E. T. Turlington..
	145	1539	1684	

Grand Total..............................

Paid out on Receipt to Treasurer..............................

	Post Offices.	Clerks.	Post Offices.
	Buckhorn	I. Strickland	Falcon
	Cedar Creek	W. F. Sessoms	Autryville
	Dunn	S B. Page	Clement
3d.		J. W. McLamb	
		Marshal Lee	McKay
		L. Hudson	
'd.		W. R. Williams	
	Roseboro	W. B. Mathis	Clement
	Cedar Creek	John B. Downing	Buckhorn
	Clinton	H. H. Edwards	Clinton
	Autryville,	A. D. Bedsole	Robin
	Fayetteville	B. F. Beasly	Fayetteville
		Jackson Strickland	Beaman's X Roads.
	Roseboro	H. I. Hall	Autryville
	Buckhorn	M H. Sessoms	Buckhorn
	Falcon	J. H, Bryant	Stedman
	Clinton	John Horne	Hives
	Falcon	Troy D. Jackson	Lydia
	Beaman's X Roads,	Haywood Johnson	Four Oaks.
	Falcon	Amma Royal	Huntly
	Roseboro	F. H. Howard	Hayne
	Clinton,	John I Malpass	Clinton
	Clinton,	C. H. Butler	Clinton
	Ora	J. C. Howard	Ora
	Poe's	R. M. Warren	Giles' Mills
	Beaman's X Roads	J. M. Lawhon	Not give in letter.
	Clinton,	R W. Howard	Clement
	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton

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....HELD WITH THE....

CHURCH AT ANTIOCH,

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C.

October 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1897.

OFFICERS:

HAYNES L. HALL,	Moderator,	FALCON, -	N. C.
JOHN B. DOWNING,	Clerk,	BUCKHORN, -	"
ROBT. N. BUTLER,	Treasurer,	CLINTON, -	"

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

C. A. G. Thomas, Fayetteville,	Cumberland	County,	N. C.
John O. Tew, "	"	"	"
Wiley M. Page, Falcon,	"	"	"
S. C. Page, Rhodes,	"	"	"
G. A. Bain. Kyle's Landing,	"	"	"
J. W. Bell, Clinton,	Sampson	County,	"
Redin Honeycutt, Clinton,	"	"	"
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store,	"	"	"
H. J. Duncan, Clinton,	"	"	"
John Prevatt, Huntly,	"	"	"
W. C. Barrett, Huntly,	"	"	"
Thos. B. Hall, Clement,	"	"	"
M. W. Naylor, Giles Mills,	"	"	"

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND POST OFFICES,

J. A. Oates, Jr., Chairman, Fayetteville,	Cumberland	Co.,	N. C.
Angus Bain, Godwin,	"	"	"
Whitney Royal, Sec'y and Treas'r, Clinton,	Sampson	"	"
Robert N. Butler, Clinton,	"	"	"
Olin D. Strickland, Giles' Mills,	"	"	"
Sam'l A. Howard, Huntly,	"	"	"
Henry McLamb, McKay,	"	"	"

TIME OF MEETING.

October 19th 1898.

Place—Salem, Sampson County, N. C.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. Thos. B. Hall.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. C. A. G. Thomas.

PROCEEDINGS.

ANTIOCH, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C., October 20, 1897.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 21st annual session with this church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. A. G. Thomas. Text: Eph., 4th chapter, 16th verse. After the sermon, took a recess for three-fourths of an hour, when the association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. H. L. Hall, who read the 90th psalm. Rev. J. O. Tew led in prayer.

Rev. W. C. Barrett aad Geo. W. Naylor were appointed Reading Clerks; D. J. Breece and W. G. Hall Finance Committee. Read church letters and enrolled messengers as follows:

Antioch—H. L. Hall, W. C. Pope and Ransom Starling.
Autryville—L. W. Strickland. (x)
Bapt. Chapel—Jas. Jackson, (x) J. Rench and C. C. Howard.
Brown's—J. J. Bell and J. W. Bell.
Beulah—H. McLamb. (x)
Calvary—Jas. K. Hudson and W. O. Johnson. (x)
Canaan—R. S. Westbrook and Bryant Elmore.
Center—D. W. Royal.
Clement—J. L. Autry, (x) J. M. Page and W. D. Matthews.
Concord—John B. Downing and James B. Jackson.
Elizabeth—By letter.
Evergreen—Not represented
Fayetteville—John A. Oates, Jr., and D. J. Breece.
Hickory Grove—F. M. Weeks. F. S. Gilbert (x) and W. E. Herring. (x)
Long Branch—Giles Hall, L. W. Autry and Thos. B. Hall.
Macedonia—A. B. Carter. (x)
Magnolia—Jno. B. Bryant.
Mary's Chapel—Z. J. King. (x)
Mill Creek—Fleet H. Horne and J. E. Horne.
Mt. Elam—William Strickland, H. T. McLamb.
Oliver's Grove—J. A. Tyner, (x) Thomas Ingram. (x)
Piney Green—James Simmons. (x)
Pleasant Union—Jordan Sessoms.
Roseboro—Not represented.
Rowan—By letter.
Royal's Chapel—John Williamson, Whitney Royal.
Salem—Sam'l. A. Howard, H. B. Boward.
Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, W. J. Pope, W. D. Hawley.

Trinity—By letter.

Union Grove—Not represented.

White Oak—R. M. Crumpler, E. T. Turlington.

Names marked (x) absent without leave of absence.

The term of office of the present officers having expired, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. On motion the Rules were suspended and J. B. Downing was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for Haynes L Hall for Moderator and J. A. Oates, Jr., to cast the ballot for John B. Downing for Clerk, and Rev. W. C. Barrett to cast the ballot for Robert N. Butler for Treasurer.

An address of welcome on behalf of the church was delivered by Rev. G. A. Bain. Response on behalf of the Association by John A. Oates, Jr. The Moderator appointed the Pastor and officers of this church a Committee on Religious exercises. An invitation was given to visitors and corresponding messengers. Revs. E. J. Edwards, R. A. Hedgepeth and W. R. Johnson, from the Cedar Creek Association, and Rev. Jacob O. Alderman from the Tar River Association, Isham Royal, representing the *Biblical Recorder*, Dr. W. B. Harrell, from the Little River Association, accepted the invitation and were welcomed by the Moderator.

R. N. Butler announced that he was representing *Charity and Children*.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—Rev. W. C. Barrett and R. N. Butler.

Home Missions—Rev. J. O. Tew, and O. D. Strickland.

State Missions—J. A. Oates, Jr., and Rev. M. W. Naylor.

Sabbath Schools—S. A. Howard and Fleet H. Horne.

Temperance—Dr. W. B. Harrell and Rev. W. M. Page.

Orphanage—Rev. J. O. Alderman and Bizzell Howard.

Obituaries—J. G. Layton and G. W. Starling.

Ministers' Relief Board—Rev. R. Honeycutt and W. O. Johnson.

Education—Isham Royal and L. W. Strickland.

Periodicals—Revs. E. J. Edwards and W. R. Johnson.

Colportage—Rev. John Prevatt and B. Holmes.

Church Discipline—R. M. Crumpler and Rev. Geo. A. Bain.

On Programme—J. A. Oates, Jr., Dr. W. B. Harrell and S. A. Howard.

Auditing Committee—S. A. Howard and Isaac Strickland.

To Nominate Executive Board—E. T. Turlington, W. J. Pope and Jas. Jackson.

To Nominate Preachers to Preach Stated Sermons at Next Session—Jas. L. Autry, Jas. B. Jackson and John B. Bryant.

To Nominate Correspondents and Delegates to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions—Jordan Sessoms, James M. Johnson and L. W. Autry.

Dr. W. B. Harrell resigned as Historian of the Association. On motion J. A. Oates, Jr,, and J. B. Downing were elected Historians for the Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following announcement: Preaching at 7 p. m. by W. C. Barrett. At 9:30 a. m. to-morrow, Prayer meeting conducted by Dr. Harrell. Missionary sermon 11 a. m.

The Committee on Programme announced the following: Association meet at 9:30 a. m. Periodicals, 10 a. m; Executive Board, 10:30 a. m.; Obituaries, 1:15 p. m.; Colportage, 1:30 p m.; Foreign Missions, 2 p. m.; Temperance, 2:30 p. m.; Home Missions, 3 p. m.; Ministers' Relief Board, 3:30 p. m. On motion adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer, Rev. R. Honeycutt leading. Benediction by Dr. Harrell.

Second Day—October 21, 1897,

Spent 30 minutes in Prayer and Praise meeting, conducted by Dr. Harrell.

At 9:30 the Association is called to order by the Moderator, who read ihe 5th chapter of Romans. Rev. R. A. Hedgepeth led in prayer. Called the roll of messengers. Read and approved minutes of yesterday.

At 10 a. m. the report on Periodicals was read by Rev. E. J. Edwards. Remarks by E. J. Edwards, W. R. Johnson, Dr. Harrell, I. Royal, J. O. Alderman, and adopted (see report). The time for preaching the Missionary Sermon having arrived, the Association called off to 1:15 p. m. The Missionary Sermon was then preached by the appointee, Rev. W. M. Page. Text, Ex., 17th ch., 12th v. At the close of the sermon a collection for Association Missions was taken, amounting to $4.57.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business. The Report of the Executive Board was read by J A. Oates, Jr. Remarks by J. A. Oates, Jr., and J. O. Alderman. Adopted. (See report).

The Report on Colportage was read and adopted. (See report).

Rev. W. C. Barrett read the Report on Foreign Missions. Remarks by Rev. W. C. Barrett, I. Royal and adopted. (See report.)

Renewed invitation to visitors, when Rev. J. A. Campbell, from the Litte River Association, and B. W. Spillman, representing Sabbath Schools, accepted the invitation and were welcomed.

The Committee to nominate preachers to preach Stated Sermons at next session reported as follows: Introductory Sermon, Rev. Thos. B. Hall. Missionary Sermon, Rev. C. A. G. Thomas. Adopted. Dr. Harrell read the Report on Temperance. Remarks by J. A. Dawson and Z. J.King. Adopted. (See report).

Rev. R. Honeycutt read the Report on Ministerial Relief Board. Remarks by J. A. Dawson and adopted. (See report). The Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. J. O. Tew.

Remarks by Rev. J. O. Tew and Rev. B. W. Spilman, and adopted. (See report).

Committee to nominate an Executive Board reported as follows: John A. Oates, Jr., Angus Bain, Olin D. Strickland, Whitney Royal, Samuel A. Howard, Robert N. Butler, Handy McLamb. Adopted. The Committee on Programme announced the following: 9:30 a. m.. Prayer meeting by Rev. R. A, Hedgpeth. 10 a. m. Sunday Schools. 10:30 a. m. Colportage. 11 a. m. State Missions. 11:30 Preaching. (Recess). P. m. Obituaries, Executive Board, Orphanage.

On motion went into the selection of a place for the next meeting, Spring Branch and Salem petitioning. A call of the roll of messengers resulted in the selection of Salem. Bro. I. Royal read the Report on Education. On motion took a recess to 10 a. m. to-morrow. Rev. J. A. Campbell led in prayer. Benediction by Rev. John Prevatt.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 23, 1897.

At 9:30 met and spent 30 minutes in prayer meeting conducted by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

At 10 a. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read the 46th psalm. Rev. J. W. Bell led in prayer. Called and corrected list of Messengers and noted absentees. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. The unfinished business being the consideration of the Report on Education, it was called. Remarks by Isham Royal and Dr. Harrell and the report adopted. (See report).

Dr. Harrell read the Report on Sabbath Schools. Remarks by Rev. B. W. Spilman, and a cash collection taken for Sabbath School Mission work amounting to $8 09. Special prayer for the Sabbath School work, Rev. J. A. Campbell leading, when the report was adopted. (See report).

The Report of Orphanage was read by Bro. H. B. Howard. Remarks by Revs. W. R. Johnson and J. O. Alderman, when a collection was taken for the Orphanage. (The Clerk failed to get the amount). Report adopted. (See report.)

Bro. J. A. Oates, Jr., from the Executive Board, made the following report, recommending that the churches try to raise the amounts given below:

Antioch $20, Autryville $10, Baptist Chapel $20, Beulah $15, Brown's $10, Calvary $10, $Canaan $35, Center $10, Clement $20, Concord $18, Elizabeth $20, Ever Green $5, Fayetteville $70, Hickory Grove $10, Long Branch $15. Macedonia $10, Mary's Chapel $5, Mill Creek $10, Mt. Elam $10, Piney Green $12, Pleasant Union $10, Roseboro $20, Royal's Chapel $5, Salem $50, Spring Branch $40, Trinity $5, Union Grove $10, White Oak $15. Magnolia $10, Oliver's Grove $5, Rowan $12, Woman's Missionary Society, Salem, $5; Woman's Missionary, Fayetteville, $5. On motion adopted.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 p. m. The Association is called to order by the Moderator. Bro. J. G. Layton read the Report on Obituaries. On motion adopted. (See report).

Bro. J. A. Oates, Jr., offered the following resolution in connection with the Report of the Woman's Missionary Society, which was adopted::

Resolved, That the Association endorse the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, and earnestly urge upon the Pastors of the churches to organize societies as early as possibe in churches where they do not already have them.

(See report).

The Committee on Correspondence reported as follows:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, J. A Oates, Jr. Delegates to State Convention, S. A. Howard, Rev. W. C. Barrett and H. L. Hall. Messengers to Cedar Creek Association, J. B. Downing and D. J. Breece. Eastern Association, Wilbur Hall and E. T. Turlington. Little River Association, Rev. W. M. Page and O. D. Strickland. On motion adopted.

The Report of the Committee on State Missions was read by Rev. M. W. Naylor. On motion adopted. (See report).

Bro. Oates read the Report on Church Discipline. On motion adopted. (See report).

The Board of Trustees of the South River Baptist Institute submitted their annual report. Remarks by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth. On motion adopted. (See report).

The Finance Committee reported. On motion adopted. (See report).

On motion John B Downing, James L. Autry, John A. Oates, Jr., Haynes L. Hall, J. T. Williams, Ed. T. Turlington and Olen D. Strickland were elected a Board of Trustees for the South River Baptist Institute at Autryville.

Bro. H. B. Howard offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are herepy tendered to the Antioch Church and the good people of this vicinity for their kind and hospitable entertainment.

On motion ordered that the reports of the Treasurer of the Association and Executive Board, as audited by the Auditing Committee, be printed in the minutes.

On motion ordered that the Clerk have ten dollars for his services and expend the balance of the money in printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion adjourned to meet at Salem, Sampson county, N. C., on Wednesday before the 4th Lord's Day in October, 1898. Closing exercises conducted by Dr. W. B. Harrell.

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11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Assembly without the permission of the Moderator, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REPORT OF ROBT. N. BUTLER, TREASURER SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION, FROM OCT. 21st, 1896, TO OCT. 20th, 1897.

Dr.

Brought forward balance from 1896,	$ 1 83
Received from Finance Committee,	28 80
Received for Associational Missions,	32 08
Received for State Missions,	13 70
Received for Home Missions,	8 00
Received for Foreign Missions,	21 42
Received for Gospel Missions,	2 00
Received for Baptist Orphanage,	13 26
Received for Education,	1 40
Received for Ministerial Relief Fund,	1 00
Received Collection Associational Missions,	8 55
Received Collection Baptist Orphanage,	2 50
Received W. M. S. Salem Church State Missions,	4 00

RECEIVED FROM THE CHURCHES DURING THE YEAR.

Received Collection for Beulah Church,	6 30
Received from Salem—Baptist Orphanage,	10 88

RECEIVED FROM WHITE OAK.

Received Baptist Orphanage	6 53
Received State Missions,	1 14
Received Home Missions,	75
Received for Foreign Missions,	35
Received for Ministerial Relief Fund,	1 04
Received for Education,	1 15

RECEIVED FROM PLEASANT UNION.

Received Baptist Orphanage,	25
Received Foreign Missions,	2 00

RECEIVED FROM ELIZABETH.

Received State Missions,	1 32
Received Education,	1 57

RECEIVED FROM CLEMENT.	
Received Foreign Missions,	1 29
RECEIVED COLLECTION UNION MEETING AT BROWN'S.	
Received Baptist Orphanage,	3 36
Total,	$176.47

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By amount J. B. Downing, Minute Fund,	$29 63
By " Treasurer B. S. Convention, sundry times,	12 06
By Rev. B. W. Spilman for the B. S. Convention,	49 52
By Rev. R. Honeycutt for Beulah Church,	6 30
By Treas'r. Baptist Orphanage, sundry times,	34 79
By W. Royal,	2 93
By Associational Missions,	40 63
By money order fees and postage,	61
Total,	$176.47

Robt. N. Butler, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

S. A. Howard,
Isaac Strickland. } Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Brethren, your committee recommends that every family subscribe to a good denominational paper. We cordially recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, North Carolina Baptist and *Charity and Children* as worthy of your confidence and patronage. Through these mediums of communication we learn of the trials and progress of our denominational institutions. So we recommend that all avail themselves of the present opportunity of subscribing to one or all the above-named papers, especially the N. C. Baptist, that has grown up in our midst.

Your committee,
E. J. Edwards,
W. R. Johnson.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Association, at its last meeting, seeing the necessity of increased mission work, unanimously instructed us, as its servants, to employ and place upon the field two missionaries instead of one for all their time. We accordingly, after deliberation and prayer, secured the services of Rev. G. A. Bain in addition to Rev. John Prevatt, who had served so well in the past. We obligated to pay Bro. Prevatt $300 for the year and Bro. Bain $250 for 11 months. Bro. Prevatt has served at Canaan, Beulah, Center, Parker's School House, Beaver Dam and Westbrook. The first three are, as you know, organized churches, the last three points at which we think it advisable to labor with the view of organizing. He reports 124 sermons, meetings held 8, 13 baptized, restored 2, received by letter 3, and collected on the field $43.60. These funds are shown in the report of the Executive Board's Treasurer, properly credited to the churches giving them.

Bro. Bain served at Oliver's Grove, Calvary, Roseboro and Mill Creek, all organized churches. He spent much of his time in religious work through the Association, selling books and distributing tracts. He reports: Days worked 304, Families visited 1116, Religious visits 39, Bibles sold 15, Testaments sold 77, Denominational works sold 56, other books sold 80, Tracts sold 11, Tracts distributed 800, sermons preached 112, baptized 10, meetings held 5, book profits $17.77. Money collected is shown in Treasurer's report.

We have endeavored to do the will of the Association and to have the Gospel preached in the destitute sections within reach.

We recommend the continuance of work at all the organized stations and the opening up of two new stations. Some of the organized churches are yet too weak to maintain a pastor, and we recommend that their ability be duly considered and the ones wholly unable to pay a pastor be supported by the Board.

We also recommend that the Association employ one man for his entire time and that arrangements be made with some efficient, acceptable preacher to serve the points which the regular missionary cannot serve and that the Association co-operate, encourage and endorse an independent colportage work by the assistant preacher. By this means we can, after dropping churches that have this year become self-sustaining, maintain and enlarge our work for $125 less than this year.

John A. Oates, Jr.,
Chairman Executive Board.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Colportage is a house to house work among those who have not the gospel as well as those who have it. It is a means of power, and should be pressed. The ministry of tracts and pamphlets reaches many in a positive and definite way that would not otherwise be reached. This method of work is being used by those who sow tares. We should offset this with gospel leaflets, denominational tracts and books. We heartily urge that this Association develop this work already begun.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, as Missionary Baptists, recognize the great command of our Savior, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," as binding on us.

The Foreign Mission work is one of the greatest works that has been given us. It demands our immediate and careful attention in prayer and gift.

R. N. Butler, } Committee.
W. C. Barrett. }

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

The subject is one of the utmost importance, not only to the world, but in a special sense to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. To be temperate in the scriptural meaning of the word, is to abstain from the use of all things that are harmful or injurious, both to the body as well as the mind or the morals, and no *so-called moderate* use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage can be anything else than *sinful* for one who claims to be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Such use is damaging to the best interests of the immortal soul of the man who indulges in it, as well as setting a terrible example of wrong-doing to the eyes of the ungodly, and all who mock at sacred things.

Therefore we would recommend that the brethren in all our churches resolve, by the grace of God that we will drink no intoxicating beverages while the world stands, lest we make our brother sin against God. The liquor traffic is the curse of the world, and we dare not, as the Lord's followers, be a party to the maintaining and upholding of that curse upon the people, lest we shame that Holy Being by whom we are called, and dishonor the sacred name of "Christian" that we bear before the world.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. Harrell.
W. M. Page.

REPORT OF MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

There are many of our brethren in the ministry who have almost exhausted their lives and means in the promulgation of the gospel of Christ, and now in the decline of life they have a just claim upon us for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Honeycutt, } Committee.
W. O. Johnson. }

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following report on Home Missions: One of the gravest difficulties in the way is that our people do not realize the great needs of our field. It does not require so much argument to convince people interested in mission work that there is destitution in China and other foreign fields. It requires facts to produce the conviction that there is destitution in America, as well as in foreign fields. It is truthfully said that if America should cease to do missionary work that it would become as much a pagan country as China within a single generation, notwithstanding all that has been done by our churches and mission boards in the last fifty years, and the great success that has attended their efforts. There are more unregenerate persons within the limits of this Convention than there were fifty years ago. With these facts before us we should give of our means liberally, so that these perishing souls may be rescued from the power of satan and brought into the Kingdom of God. Respectfully submitted,

O. D. Strickland,
J. O. Tew.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is the duty of every man to see that his child receives a thorough christian education. To do this it is necessary to have well organized schools under the direction and control of a religious body. To meet these demands we have a school in the bounds of our Association, South River Baptist Institute, at Autryville, the school of the Association, which is doing good and efficient work and is worthy of patronage. We recommend to the members of this association to patronize this school and give it all the support due. We are gratified to learn that Wake Forest has opened so well, there being 222 enrolled. Many of these are young men who feel called of God to preach, but have not the means necessary to secure an education, and their condition appeals to our christian sympathy and benevolence. We commend this school to all of our young men desiring an education. The Board of Education of Wake Forest College is in present need of funds to support these young men.

We have the assurance that the Baptist Female University will in a few months be completed and ready for the admission of students. We recommend to the brethren to aid in the completion of this school and to patronize the same, as it will be a good institution to which to send our Baptist girls.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. Strickland, }
Isham Royal. } Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We earnestly believe that the work done by the Sabbath school is of the highest importance to the rapid development of the churches and for the proper training of the youth of our land. Because through the efforts put forth in the Sunday-school, not only are the older ones incited to more earnest work for the Master, but the young people and the children upon whom the future prosperity of our churches and country depend, may be encouraged by the examples and precepts of the older ones and by the pure teaching of God's word.

Let us put forth an extra effort to make this the most prosperous year in this work. We earnestly advise every church to have a home school and mission school also if a field is open, and that these schools keep at work throughout the entire year. And especially that they be fully Baptist schools with Baptist officers, teachers and missionary Baptist literature. Otherwise they have no place in your annual reports.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Howard, }
Fleet H. Horne. } Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There is no branch of our work which more tenderly appeals to the sympathies of our people. and which should have more hearty co-operation of the Baptists of North Carolina, than the Orphanage.

There are about 160 orphans at Thomasville, who are dependent on you and us, brother, as Baptists. No doubt they get the spiritual food they need, but they must be cared for temporally, and as Christ blessed the little children and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven", let us, brethren, from our hearts, our pocket-books and our store-houses, in His name bless the little fatherless ones who have been committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. HOWARD,
J. O. ALDERMAN.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee to write on Obituaries have carefully examined and report the following: Since our last annual meeting we find that thirty-nine (39) have passed from earth away to the Spirit Land. We desire that this should be a favorable warning to us all, that we who are spared to remain should be solemnly impressed with the duty of doing all the good involved upon us while we remain here, to be prepared for the great emergency that awaits us all.

Respectfully submitted,
J. G. LAYTON, SR.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The delegates of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the South River Baptist Association met at Antioch Church, Cumberland county, N. C., October 21st, 1897.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. S. A. Howard, President of the Woman's Missionary Societies.

Prayer, led by Mrs. H. B. Howard.

The President made a short talk on missions. Report of different societies called for, and responded as follows:

Fayetteville reported by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson. Amount contributed to different objects in cash, $25.69. In kind, $33.55. Total, $59.24.

Spring Branch reported by Mrs. O. D. Strickland. Amount contributed to all objects, $9.40.

Salem reported by Mrs. H. B Howard. Amount contributed to all objects, $16.00.

Miss Nellie Devane represented the Cedar Creek Association. Stated an amount of $10.00 was contributed and given to the gospel mission plan.

Little River Association represented by Mrs. James Taylor, Dunn, N. C.

A letter from Miss Fannie Heck to the Societies of the South River Association was read by the President.

"A Glimpse of a Japanese Sunday School" was read by Mrs. James Taylor.

"Obstacles in Mexico" was read by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson.

"Some Thoughts Burned in Upon the Heart" was read by Mrs. H. B. Howard.

Extracts from Miss Heck's address, "The Woman's Missionary Union in Wilmington" was read by the President.

"A Missionary's Daily Cares" was read by Miss Allie Williford.

"Christ's Unfinished Work" was read by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson.

Prayer, led by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson.

The President made a talk on the mission work in Mexico.

"Three Great Needs in the Foreign Mission Work" was read by Miss Allie Williford.

"Christian Women and Foreign Missions" was read by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson.

Prayer, led by the President. Closed with the doxology.

There seemed a great deal of interest on the part of the ladies of Antioch church to organize a society in their midst. Several gave us their names that wanted to be members.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Mission work embraces the destitute sections of our own state. The Board of Missions of the State Convention, which has been instrumental in spreading the gospel in the past and whose work seems to be guided by the spirit of the Master deserves the support of this Association. The motto of the board is, a Baptist church in every town and community in North Carolina, recognizing the fact that all territory not now occupied by Baptists is missionary ground. Your committee would recommend that the churches of this Association do what they can for State Missions. We beg it for the glory of our Master, and the good of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Oates, Jr., } Committee.
M. W. Naylor. }

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Church Discipline is the exercise of the scriptural requirements in regard to those church members who fail to show forth by their walk and conversation that their lives are under the influence of the man of Nazareth. The Scriptures set forth certain essentials as to faith and practice. Our code under which we act is the New Testament. It contains the essentials of the

Divine Law with regard to man. As Baptists we hold to a regenerate church membership—that the church should be composed of those alone who have been born again, and whenever it is found that any member, whatever his influence, wealth or position, fails to show forth that he has been born again the directions of II Thessalonians 3, and Matthew 15, 15–18 should be followed. The country is full of those who pervert the scriptures for gain. Brethren, be on your guard that none of these wolves get into the fold of God. Let our pastors be earnest in doctrine, teaching the people the full truth delivered unto the first disciples by the Master Himself. Mav the churches be purged of the ungodly that the body of Christ may be presented without blemish at that day.

G. A. Bain,
R. M. Crumpler.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

As Trustees of this school we beg to report that the school is now under the care of Rev. C. M. McIntosh, a godly young man fitted in mind and heart for the work in his charge. There is an enrollment of 40. Bro. C. M. McIntosh has full charge of the school, receiving all the remuneration therefrom and not looking to the Association for a guarantee. We found at the Union at Salem in May that there was a deficit for the school year of $69.00. Of this amount $25 has been raised and paid Bro. J. W. Smith, Jr., the former principal. Brethren, the debt is yours and we recommend that you take steps for its payment as rapidly as possible.

We urge upon the Association that they give the school a more hearty support that the school may be made a greater power for good in the Association.

John B. Downing, Chairman.

ERRATA:

On Page 2 in Executive Board read "Handy" McLamb for "Henry" McLamb.

On Page 3—*Salem* Delegates, read H. B. "Howard" for H. B. "Boward."

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Paid for all objects during the year			Education	Min. Rel'f. Bd.
Antioch	..	1		2		2	77	83	160	$ 88	3r		....	....
Autryville	2	4		2			27	32	59		"		....	....
Baptist Chapel	12	3		2	2	1	73	126	199	71	"		....	....
Brown's		2		2	6		33	33	66		4t		....	....
Beulah	3						6	13	19	10	"		....	....
Calvary		1		3			14	21	35		3r		....	....
Canaan	4	3		3	10	1	12	28	40	24	"		....	....
Center	4		2		2	2	29	30	59	27	2n		....	....
Clement	4	2	2	2	3	1	54	54	108	106	4t		....	....
Concord	3	3		3	11	3	46	112	158	114	3r		....	....
Elizabeth		2	1	4	1		40	44	84	69	4t		....	....
Ever Green													....	....
Fayetteville	2	16	1	11	17	6	96	214	310	1950	Twice ev		....	....
Hickory Grove					5	1	29	43	72		3r		....	....
Long Branch				4		2	54	62	116	53	4t	40	....	....
Macedonia				3		1	16	46	62		1s	00	....	....
Magnolia	1		2	2	8		31	55	86		3r		....	....
Mary's Chapel		1			25	2	12	16	28		4t		....	....
Mill Creek	4			1	1		27	36	63	7	"		....	....
Mt. Elam	1	6				2	48	63	111		3r		....	....
Oliver's Grove	5						7	9	16	2	2n		....	....
Piney Green	6	3	6	3	17		43	139	182	68	1s		....	....
Pleasant Union				1	4	3	45	50	95		Not give		....	....
Roseboro													1 40	....
Rowan	3						28	58	86		1s		....	1 00
Royal's Chapel		2			6	2	16	28	44		2n		....	....
Salem	6			1	23	2	75	100	175	101	3r		....	....
Spring Branch	12	2		8	2	4	121	178	299	243	1s		....	....
Trinity							16	18	34	30	"			
Union Grove														
White Oak	12	2		2		3	43	74	117	132	"			
	84	53	14	59	143	38	1118	1765	2883	3095			1 40	1 00

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D, Chm'n.

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Post Offices.	Pastors.
Falcon............	W. R. Johnson..
Autryville.	R. A. Hedgpeth.
Orange............	W. B Harrell ...
....	....
....	Supplied by Ex.
McKay	" "
....	No Pastor.
....	Supplied by Ex. B
Clement	D. S. Bullard ....
Autryville.........	R. A. Hedgpeth ..
Maitland	R. C. Sandlin ....
Robin	T. B. Hall ......
Fayetteville	C. A G. Thomas
Beaman's X Roads..	Not given.
Autryville.........	D S Bullard.....
Cedar Creek	W. R Johnson ...
Clement	W M. Page......
....	....
Hives	R. C. Sandlin ....
Lydia	W. M Page.....
....	R Honeycut
Huntly	W. M Page..
Hayne	D. S. Bullar
....	....
Clinton............	O. P. Meeks.
Clinton............	J. W Bell ..
Ora	W. C. Barret
Giles' Mill	J. A. Campb
....	R Honeycutt
Clement	H. J. Duncan
Ora	J. L. Stewart

Ever Green	60
Autryville	3 72
Concord	7 67
Magnolia	2 58
Roseboro	5 00
Center	5 50
Pleasant Union	2 05
Beulah	7 45
Beaverdam	42
Calvery	12 73
Macedonia	2 35
Rowan	10 30
Mill Creek	15 33
Salem W. M. S.	5 00
By G. A. Bain for books	17 77
Public collection	16 07
Oct 23, 1897, Received from R. N. Butler	146 84
By R W. Howard	3 50
Received from J. Prevatt	2 50
Oliver's Grove	5 00
Total amount received,	$522 46
Paid Rev. John Prevatt	$272 06
Paid Rev. G A. Bain	250 00
Paid for Printing	40
Total amount paid out,	$522 46

WHITNEY ROYAL, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

S. A. HOWARD,
ISAAC STRICKLAND, } Committee.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

South River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Salem

SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1898.

OFFICERS:

JOHN B. DOWNING, Moderator, -	Roslin, N. C.
JOHN A. OATES, JR., Clerk, - -	Fayetteville, "
ROBT. N. BUTLER, Treasurer, -	Clinton, "

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Wiley M. Page, Falcon, “ “ “
G. A. Bain, Kyle's Landing, “ “ “
W. G. Hall, Falcon, “ “ “
J. W. Bell, Clinton, Sampson “ “
Redin Honeycutt, Clinton, “ “ “
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store, “ “ “
H. J. Duncan, Clinton, “ “ “
John Prevatt, Huntly, “ “ “
Thos. B. Hall, Clement, “ “ “
M. W. Naylor, Giles Mill, “ “ “
F. T. Wooten, Owenville, “ “ “
J. M. Page, Clement, “ “ “

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Robert N. Butler, Clinton, “ “ “
Olin D. Strickland, Giles Mills, “ “ “
Sam'l. A. Howard, Huntley, “ “ “
Robert W. Howard, Clement, “ “ “

NEXT MEETING.

Time--October 18th, 1899.

Place—Spring Branch, Sampson County. Nearest Railroad station, Dunn, N. C.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. Frank T. Wooten.

Missionary Sermon—Rev. W. M. Page.

PROCEEDINGS.

Salem Church, Sampson County, N. C.
October 19th 1898.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 22nd annual session with this church by invitation, the weather being fair and pleasant.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas B. Hall of Long Branch church at 11:30 a. m. from Luke 10:37.

After the sermon there was a recess until 1:30 for refreshments, when the Association was called to order by Clerk John B. Downing, the Moderator being absent on account of sickness.

Rev. Wiley M. Page was elected Moderator *pro tem.* He read Romans 10 and offered prayer.

The chair appointed S. A. Howard and Rev. G. A. Bain a Finance Committee, and Henry Cooper and D. J. Breece Reading Clerks.

The roll of churches was called and messengers enrolled from the following churches: Antioch, Centre, Concord, Elizabeth, Evergreen, Fayetteville, Long Branch, Macedonia, Magnolia, Mill Creek, Mt. Elam, Oliver's Grove, Piney Green, Rowan Royal's Chapel, Salem, Spring Branch, Trinity, Union Grove, White Oak.

The letter from Concord, containing petition for the next session of the Assaciation was on motion laid on the table.

The term of office of the present officers having expired the Association elected the following:

J. B. Downing Moderator by acclamation.
J. A. Oates, Jr. Clerk "
Robert N. Butler Treasurer "

The moderator invited visitors to announce themselves and take seats in the body. The following responded:

Rev. O. P. Meeks from the Eastern Association; Rev. E. J. Edwards from the Cedar Creek announced himself as representative of the *North Carolina Baptist*; Rev. W. C. Barrett of the Raleigh Association, announced himself representative of the *Biblical Recorder*; Robt. N. Butler for *Charity and Children.*

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report during the present session.

Foreign Missions—Rev. O. P. Meeks, D. J. Breece.
Home “ —Rev. W. M. Page, H. B. Howard.
State “ —Rev. W. C. Barrett, J. B. Bedsole.
Sabbath Schools—O. D. Strickland, H. A. Cooper.
Intemperance —A. F. Howard, Rev. G. A. Bain.
Orphanage —Rev. G. A. Bain, R. N. Butler.
Obituaries —Rev. J. O. Tew, E. S. Herring.
Ministers' Relief - Rev. M. W. Naylor, Robt. M. Crumpler.
Education —Rev. E. J. Edwards, T. R. Landon.
Periodicals —W. H. Powell, J. B. Bryant.
Colportage —Rev. Redin Honeycut, Rev. John Prevatt.
Church Discipline—Rev. W. M. Page, Haywood, Johnson.
Programme —Pastors and Deacons of Salem and Whitney Royal.
Nominate Executive Board—A. F. Howard, R. Honeycut,
“ Stated Sermon Preachers—I. C. Howard, W. J. Pope, J. E. Horne.

By request of clerk the chair announced that he will appoint an assistant clerk to gather additional church statistics.

A. F. Howard, announced Temperance Meeting at Society Hall for 7 o'clock.

Programme Committee reccommended that W. C. Barrett preach Missionary sermon on Thursday, the appointee, Rev. C. A. G. Thomas being neccessarily absent; that W. M. Page open services Thursday morning and the hour be 9 o'clock. Recommendation adopted.

On motion Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. O. Tew and benediction by Rev. W. M. Page.

THURSDAY--MORNING SESSION.

October 20.

Association opened at 9:15 with devotional exercises led by Rev. W. M. Page.

Minutes of Wednesday's session read and approved.

Roll of delegates called and very few present.

Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Auditing:—A. F. Howard, J. B. Bryant. Statistics—J. A. Oates, Jr. and W. H. Powell.

Roll of churches not represented on Wednesday called and messengers enrolled from the following churches: Hickory Grove, Mary's Chapel.

Moderator invited corresponding and visiting brethren to announce themselves.

Rev. O. P. Meeks from committee on Foreign Missions reported. Discussed by O. P. Meeks, D. J. Breece, A. F. Howard, J. A. Oates, Jr. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whereas, The meager collections reported from our churches continue to reveal a fearful lack of interest in Foreign Missions, your committee most earnestly request this body seriously to consider ; 1st, that our Lord and Master made this great enterprise the first and chief duty of his followers. He himself came to save a world and he mapped out this globe for his disciples. The proof of our discipleship is loyalty to his command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." As fast as the Apostolic churches were organized they went out into "The regions beyond." 2nd, in fulfillment of Divine Prophecy an all wise Providence has opened an effectual door into every benighted region of earth, and as never before from every quarter comes the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Therefore we would urge our pastors to keep this subject ever and always before their congregations and in pastoral distribution of missionary literature, in order that every Baptist brother and sister may become not merely in name, but in fact, an intelligent, praying, contributing Missionary Baptist.

The Lord has added unto us great numbers; what most of all now is needed is to move this great host on under Christ's all conquering banner.

O. P. Meeks.
D. J. Breece.

The time having arrived for missionary sermon Rev. W. C. Barrett preached from Matt. 9:9, Text: "Follow Me".

Collection taken for Associational Missions amounting to $8,89.

Rev. W. C. Barrett read a letter from Miss Heck to the ladies of the Association. He announced a Woman's meeting at the Society Hall at 2 o'clock.

Association adjourned until 1:30.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator called association to order at 1:30. Several messengers excused from attendance.

Moderator called roll of unrepresented churches and messengers were enrolled from the following: Autryville, Beulah Baptist Chapel, Browns, Calvary, Canaan, Clement, Pleasant Union, Roseboro.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed. Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth announced himself as fraternal messenger from the Cedar Creek Association.

The committee to nominate Executive Board reported the following:

J. A. Oates, Jr, S. A. Howard, R. N. Butler, O. D. Strickland, Whitney Royal, J. B. Downing, R. W. Howard. Report adopted.

Report of Executive Board read and tabled, being made special order for Friday 11 o'clock.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The report of your board is shown best by the report of our missionaries and the reports of the finance committee and Treasurer of executive board. This has been an exceedingly hard year with our churches, spiritually and financially. The board has felt this. We want to urge that the association continue support to several weak churches and continue work in the great mission field along the border of Sampson, Johnston and Wayne. We see the great necessity for strengthening the churches now in existence and urge that our mission points be well built up and a good nucleus obtained before churches be organized. A brief summary of our work is:

Rev. John Prevatt employed for all his time, preaching for Beulah and 4 mission points.

Rev. T. B. Hall supplying at Canaan.

Rev. J. O. Tew doing voluntary work at Roseboro.

We ask that the association give the new board all the direct advice they can and their prayers at all times.

Submitted,
Executive Board.

By request of Executive Board the moderator requests the messengers from the churches to select one of their number to represent the church in a conference with the Executive Board immediately after adjournment of association.

The association located the next session at Spring Branch church.

Rev. W. C. Barrett read report on State Missions. Remarks by Rev. W. C. Barrett. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The history of State Missions is virtually the history of the rise and progress of North Carolina Baptists reaching from the year 1720 to the present time.

It is a work so clearly in accordance with divine commandments, with the spirit of Jesus and with the nobler impulses of the Christian heart and life, that it needs no argument to commend it to the sympathies of the Association.

Since the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools was organized our State Missionaries have preached the Gospel on over 4,000 destitute fields, and have organized at mission points more than one-third of the number of Baptist churches we now have in North Carolina.

And along with this God-blessed work of construction and evangelization every department of our denominational life has been stimulated—Education, the Orphanage, Home Missions and Foreign Missions—have felt and continue to feel the effect of State Missions on them and in Endowments, patronage, support and sympathy and an enlarged beneficence at the hands of our people.

Your committee is glad to report that the Baptists of North Carolina have a larger force of missionaries in the field this year than ever before in our history. One hundred and three regular missionaries are at work preaching the Gospel to three hundred and fifty-eight destitute points. The cause is being pressed by these faithful workers in fifty-six counties in North Carolina.

The reports from their fields as they have come in indicate encouragement and even enthusiasm. God is blessing the word in their hands. We may depend upon it, His grace will be poured out upon their labors. Ours is the duty of prayer and sympathy. It is the battle of our Christ which they are waging, the battle of our cause and our priceless principles. We should feel honored of God that we are co-laborers with him in the great work of bringing North Carolina to own and honor our Master. The burden, if it is reckoned a burden, the responsibility, is on us to support this work and these workers.

All the year the missionaries have been at work hopefully relying upon our faithfulness in paying the small amounts promised.

As yet only a small proportion of the amount needed has been raised. The day now is on us when each must do something.

We recommend to every pastor that he urge his churches to make an offering for State Missions by December 1st.

Committee. { J. B. Bedsole.
W. C. Barrett.

Moderator appointed committee to nominate corresponding messengers to sister associations:

R. N. Butler, H. A. Cooper.

State and Southern Baptist conventions: O. D. Strickland, H. J. Duncan, J. E. Howard.

Rev. M. W. Naylor from committee on Ministers' Relief reported. Remarks by M. W. Naylor. Report adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS RELIEF.

Dear brethren: We have in our State men who have given their time and chances to accumulate something for their support in their declining years that the kingdom of Christ might be established. They have been faithful, they have been in want, they have suffered, they have had many disadvantages. But in the midst of all this they have been successful, they have been instrumental in planting the seed of christianity. In sections where they were rejected, we now are received, where they were not sheltered we are welcomed in the homes, and where they suffered with hunger, we are fed. They have opened the way for us. Their needs call on us for help; God through their life's work calls on us for help; will we pass the call by without responding? It would be a shame not to help them, we cannot afford not to help them Your committee beg that the churches of this association take collections for this work; we beg it because we believe it is due them. And also to show them our appreciation for the work they have done. We ask it in Jesus' name.

Committee. { M. W. Naylor.
R. M. Crumpler.

Rev. John-Prevatt from committee on Discipline reports. Remarks by A. F. Howard. F. T. Wooten and J. B. Downing. Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: Church discipline is and important aim in our church work. There are two doors to the visible church, one in and the other out. Paul says I command you brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus to with-draw from every brother that walks disorderly. Perhaps we open the front door too wide and keep the back door closed.

W. M. Page,
Haywood Johnson,
Committee.

Committee on Programme reported: Rev. O. P. Meeks to conduct devotional exercises at 9 o'clock Friday morning. Report adopted.

Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. O. P. Meeks and benediction by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 21st.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. O. P. Meeks, beginning at 9:30.

Moderator called association to order. Roll of messengers called and absentees noted.

Minutes read and approved.

Moderator renewed invitation to visiting brethren.

Rev. John Prevatt read report on Colportage. Remarks by Rev. G. A. Bain, Rev. O. P. Meeks, the Moderator, J. A. Oates, Rev. W. C. Barrett, T. B. Hall. Pending adoption of report J. A. Oates offered 1000 tracts, W. C. Barrett 1000, Bizzelle Howard 1000, E. T. Turlington 1000, Henry Cooper 500, Joel G. Layton 500, Long Branch (by T. B. Hall) 500, Salem (by A. F. Howard) 500, Spring Branch (by J. G. Layton) 500, Clement (Blackman Williams) 500, J. T. Chestnut paid 25 cents, Mrs. S. A. Howard some Foreign Mission Tracts, Centre (R. P. Royal) 500, Mrs. J. W. Atkinson paid 25 cents. Report adopted and tracts accepted.

Committee on Delegates reported:

To State Convention: F. T. Wooten, G. A. Bain.

Southern Baptist Convention: J. A. Oates, Jr.

Fraternal messengers:

Associations:
Little River:—O. D. Strickland, G. A. Bain.
Eastern:—J. A. Underwood, J. W. Bell.
Cedar Creek:—J. B. Downing, J. A. Oates, Jr.

To Raleigh and Atlantic to be selected by Executive Board.

On motion chair appointed as committee on purchase and distribution of tracts: J. A. Oates, E. T. Turlington, H. B. Howard.

Report on Periodicals read by J. B. Bryant. Adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Brethren as your committee on Periodicals, we recommend the following: That every family should subscribe to some good denominational paper and we can truly recommed the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, and Home Field, as worthy of your confidence and patronage. Through these mediums we learn of the trials and progress of our denominational istutitions. So we recommend that all avail themselves of the present opportunity of subscribing to one, or all of the above named papers, but especially the N. C. Baptist—a paper that has grown up in our midst, and one that is plain and out-spoken on the great Temperance cause now before us. We also recommend the Sunday-school Periodicals published by the Southern Baptist Convention, as our Mission Board receives a direct income from the same for Missionary work.

W. H. Powell,
J. B. Bryant.

Special order—Report of Executive Board is taken up at 11 o'clock. Report of Board read by J. A. Oates, Jr.

Report of Rev. John Prevatte read.

Remarks by John Prevatte.

Partial report of Treasurer of Executive Board, showing balance due $39,60. Pending motion to adopt remarks by A. F. Howard, W. C. Barrett and others. Amount raised in cash and pledges. Report adopted.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed.

Rev. J. L. Stewart reported as a visitor from the Eastern Association.

On motion W. G. Hall, of Antioch church is recommended to Board of Ministerial Education at Wake Forest for assistance.

Adjourned to 1:30 o'clock for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator at 1:30. Moderator announceed as committee to nominate Trustees of Associational School: T. B. Hall, B. Holland, Blackman Williams.

Report of Trustees of Associational School read and adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

We the trustees of your associational school at Autryville beg to report:

1st—The school is larger and better than it ever was before. Rev. C. M. McIntosh is doing faithful, efficient work.

2nd—The school building has been enlarged at a cost of $ 119,30. $ 59,10 of which is still due. This addition was made by the direction of the Trustees.

3rd—We have from the Cedar Creek Association a proposition that you appoint a committee to confer with a committee already appointed by them to consider taking in the Cedar Creek Association to joint ownership and management. We reccommend that this be done.

4th—We urge that the association give more attention to this institution which can be made a great denominational school for this entire section of the state.

Committee on Stated Sermons, report:

Introductory Sermon: F. T. Wooten.

Missionary Sermon: W. M Page. Adopted.

Report on Home Missions by H. B. Howard of the committee. Remarks by Rev. F. T. Wooten, Rev, J. L. Stewart. Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It is a startling thought that, as all are born without knowledge of the truth, if evangelistic efforts should cease, America would become as much a Pagan country as China within a single generation. It is another startling fact that, notwithstanding all that has been done by churches and Mission Boards in the last fifty years, and the great success that has attended their efforts, though Baptists have increased from 450,000 to 2,600,000 in this Southern land, there are more unregenerate persons within the limits of this Convention than there were fifty years ago. It is estimated that one half the population of the South, say 10.000,000, are under Baptist influence; deducting one-fourth of this number as below the age of accountability, and the 2.600,000 church members, leaves about 5,000,000 of unregenerate persons under the influence of our Baptist churches. These we must give the gospel. or they will probably never receive it.

To supply our religious destitution within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, we need at least 2,000 Missionaries with annual receipts of not less than $500,000 to support them, and build them houses of worship and other facilities required for the work.

While we need 2,000 missionaries we have only about 400 and the churches are furnishing us with $100,000 of the $500,000 needed. Brethren, if we desire to turn this fair land of ours into a Baptist Stronghold, let us rally around the Home Board and give it the sympathy and support it deserves.

Respectively submitted.

COMMITTEE.

H. A. Cooper reported on Sabbath Schools. Remarks by H. A. Cooper. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe that the Sunday school is a grand and glorious organization, and we truly believe that every member of the church should feel the great responsibility resting upon them in doing all they can in carrying on this noble work, so that the young may be trained up in the way that they should go, and older ones as well, may be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ our Savior. And futhermore we believe and pray that every effort should be made to establish Baptist Sunday schools throughout the whole bounds of our association and everywhere we can, and we insist that every School should be carried on twelve months in the year if possible.

Respectfully,

H. A, Cooper,
O. D. Strickland.

Committee on Trustees for South River Baptist Institute reported old Board as follows:

John B. Downing, James L. Autry, John A. Oates, Jr., Haynes L. Hall, J. T. Williams, Ed. T. Turlington and O. D· trickland.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE:

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E. J. Turlington paid	$ 5 00.
L. M. Cooper "	5 00.
S. J. Faircloth "	5 00.
T. J. Williams "	5 00.
J. L. Autry "	10 00.
C. M. McIntosh "	20 00.
John A. Oates "	5 00.
Collected at Union	5 20.
	60 20.

EXPENDED ON ADDITION TO SCHOOL BUILDING.

Building	$ 50 00.
Lumber	35 00.
Shingles	13 50.
Windows	7 50.
Nails	3 90.
Hauling	5 15.
Tin	2 50
Doors	1 75.
Stove-pipe	2 00.
Brick	1 00.
	$ 119 30.
Paid	60 20
Balance Due,	$ 59 10

Report on Temperance read by Rev. F. T. Wooten. Remarks by A. F. Howard. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:
The subject is one of the utmost importance not only to the world, but in a special sense to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. To be temperate in the scriptural meaning of the word, is to abstain from the use of all things that are harmful or injurious both to the body as well as the mind or the morals, and no so-called moderate use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage can please the Lord Jesus Christ. Such use is dangerous to the best interests of the immortal soul of the man who indulges in it, as well as setting a terrible example of wrong-doing to the eyes of the ungodly, and all who mock at sacred things. Therefore we would recommend in all our churches: resolve, by the grace of God that we will drink no intoxicating beverages while the world stands, lest we make our brother sin against God. The liquor traffic is the curse of the world, and we dare not, as the Lord's followers, be a party to the maintaining and upholding of that curse upon the people lest we shame that Holy

Being by whom we are called, and dishonor the sacred name of "Christian" that we bear before the world. Also we recommend that each church request their pastor to preach at least one sermon directly on temperance during the year. Also each Sunday school superintendent make at least one lecture on temperance during the year.

Report on orphanage read by Rev. G. A. Bain. Remarks by Rev. F. T. Wooten, W. C. Barrett, S. A. Howard, R. N. Butler. Adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

There is no branch of our work which more tenderly appeals to the sympathies of our people and which should have more heartv co-operation of the Baptists of North Carolina, than the Orphanage.

There are about 170 orphans at Thomasville, who are dependent on you and us, brother as Baptists. Also about 500 others who are asking for help No doubt they get the spiritual food they need, but they must be cared for temporally, and as Christ blessed the little children and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven," let us brethren, from our hearts, and pocket-books and our store-houses, in His name bless the little fatherless ones who have been committeed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. Bain, R. N. Butler, } Committee.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

This is one of the best methods of instilling the principles of truth in the minds of the peoole:—That of house to house visits putting into the hands of all, good religious tracts, books and literature. We heartily urge that this association develop this work already begun.

John Prevatt, Com.

Auditing Committee reports and by motion the various financial reports are to be incorporated in the minutes.

Resolution passed asking churches to send only such delegates as will remain and attend to business.

RESOLUTION.

The Association urges the churches to send to the next association only such messengers as will remain during the session and attend to the business.

Vote of thanks returned to Salem community.

THANKS.

The South River Association desires to return a vote of thanks to the people of Salem community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the association

Submitted by
Whitney Royal.

Association votes $ 10,00 for clerk.

The association directs that one page be set apart in the minutes as a memorial to Isham Royal and that Jno. B. Downing, and Jno. A. Oates, Jr., prepare memorial.

Report on education read and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The day has come when an education is essential to success in life. With an academy in every neighborhood and colleges in many parts of the state, there is no longer an excuse for ignorance. Therefore we advise parents and guardians to patronize the schools and educate and prepare their wards for the great battles of life.

By motion the Association appointed A. F. Howard as member of Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

On motion Association adjourned with devotional exercises by Rev. W. C. Barrett.

John A. Oates. Jr.
Clerk

John B. Downing.
Moderator.

MEMORIAL TO ISHAM ROYAL.

Isham Royal was born of Whitney and Sarah Royal March 27, 1826, three miles west of Clinton, Sampson county. He had good home training, which is the power under God to make useful men and women. He was educated in the Clinton Academy. He soon became an assistant in the Academy, thus beginning a life in the schoolroom which extended over a period of more than fifty years and was marked by a success seldom obtained by a man of his equipment. He taught more than 1,000 different scholars In the year 1861 he went to Warsaw and became principal of the school of the Eastern Association. From there he went to Salem in Sampson and established the famous Salem High School in 1874. In 1880 he became the first superintendent of Public Instruction for Sampson and he may well be called the father of the public schools of the county. He held this position for thirteen years and with a measure of success which will ever speak his praise. In 1893 he removed from Salem to Autryville and took charge of the South River Institute. In 1895 he removed to Walnut Cove to teach the Academy there. He remained in the hills until 1897 when he returned to the county of his birth, teaching for a few months at Kerr. In the early part of the present year he removed to Autryville, from which place, watched by his children and friends, his spirit was loosed and he went to his reward August 12th. In the school room he did untold good.

As a religious worker his labors have not been in vain in the Lord. He was baptized at old Brown's church just before his marriage to Miss Rachel Carroll in 1855. He was, during his useful career, a deacon in five different churches and aided materially in building up several of these churches. He was one of the projectors of the South River Association which was organized in 1877. For 11 years he was Moderator of the Association, and for 15 years Moderator of the Union. For many years he was chairman of the Executive Board of the Association, and it was largely through his farseeing wisdom that today the Association can count more than a dozen churches planted and fostered under the care of the Board.

His work has been a great one. Sampson county may well count him as one of her illustrious dead. He did as much to build up the county internally as any man in the past fifty years. The power that went out from his school room, has been felt in every neighborhood in the county, and will continue to tell in the years to come. He was possibly the best known man in his county.

He died as he lived—meekly trusting in Jesus as the only Savior.

REPORT OF WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Missionary Societies, of the South River Association, were called to order by the Vice President on the 2nd day of the Association at 2 o'clock.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. The Vice President explained the purpose and aim of the meeting to be:

Pray more earnestly for missions, and to organize a society where none exists.

A letter from Miss Heck was read by the Vice President.

An interesting selection from Dr. Judson, was read by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson. Pledge envelopes were distributed

The ladies promised to contribute at least $1.00 to missions during the ensuing year. A letter from Mrs. Greene, was read telling of the work in China and asking the prayers of the ladies.

A collection was taken for minute fund, amounting to 40 cts.

The constitution was read by the President.

At the close of the meeting we organized.

Mrs. J. W. Atkinson was elected President by acclamation. Miss Jennie McDuffie Secretary.

The President earnestly desires the hearty co-operation of the entire Association.

A selection, "Is it nothing to you christians?" read by Miss Jennie McDuffie.

Mrs. White, led in prayer. The doxology was sung, and the meeting dismissed with prayer by President.

MISS JENNIE McDUFFIE. Secretary.	MRS. S. A. HOWARD, Vice President.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Fayetteville	for various	missions	and	box.		$ 77 07.
Salem	"	"	"	"	"	14 30.
Spring Branch	"	"	"	"		15 10.
White Oak	"	"	"	"		5 10.
				Total.		$ 105 57.

DELEGATES.

Antioch, by letter.
Autryville, Rev. C. M. McIntosh; W. F. Butler, F. I. Mc-Kenzie.
Baptist Chapel, J. R. Brown, M. O. Jackson, O. B. Tew.
Beulah, by letter.
Browns, David A. Bass, Rev. J. W. Bell, Nathan Dudley.
Calvary, James K. Hudson, Loamie Gilbert, T. J. Lee.
Canaan, R. S. Westbrook, W. R. Lee, B. Elmore.
Center, K. Matthews, P. P. Royal, H. F. Matthews.
Clement, Blackman Williams, W. H. Moore, W. B. Matthis.
Concord, J. B. Downing, J. B. Bedsole.
Elizabeth, W. J. Faircloth, T. L. Faircloth, T. R. Landon.
Evergreen, W. K. Carter, F. B. Bedsole.
Fayetteville, J. A. Oates, Jr., W. H. Powell, D. J. Breece.
Hickory Grove, W. O. Gilbert, W. E. Herring, W. R. Warren.
Long Branch, T. B. Hall, R. G. Sessoms.
Macedonia. by letter.
Magnolia, J. B. Bryant, J. H. Bryant, I. Strickland.
Mary's Chapel, Alex. Pope, J. A. Bass.
Mill Creek, M. N. Sessoms, J. G. Rayfield, J. E. Horne.
Mount Elam, D. M. Warren, G. W. McLamb, W. H. McLamb.
Oliver's Grove, Haywood Johnson, Jas. A. Fort.
Piney Green, R. Honeycutt, J. O. Honeycutt, Dennis Massingill.
Pleasant Union, J. P. Sessoms, A. Lucas, W. M. Bullard.
Roseboro, A. M. Butler.
Rowan, J. Chestnutt, Marcus Malpuss, I. Malpuss.
Royal's Chapel, S. Pope, Alvin Butler, John Williamson.
Salem, A. T. Cooper, Amma Holland, A. F. Howard.
Spring Branch, W. J. Pope, J. G. Layton, B. Holland.
Trinity, J. T. Godwin, T. M. Hawley, T. B. Lee.
Union Grove, R. W. Howard, W. E. Tindall, M. O. Williams.
White Oak, R. M. Crumpler, E. T. Turlington, H. J. Duncan.

GENERAL DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS.

Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.,
Chas. E. Taylor, D. D., President.
The Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.,
J. B. Boone, D. D., Manager.
Ministers' Relief Board, Durham, N. C.,
Rev. W. C. Tyree, President.
The Seminary, Louisville, Ky.,
W. H. Whitsitt, D. D., President.

Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.,
R. J. Willingham, D. D., Secretary.
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.,
I. T. Tichenor, D. D., Secretary.
Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.,
J. M. Frost, D. D. Secretary.
State Mission Board, Raleigh, N. C.,
Rev. Jno. E. White, Secretary.
State Sunday School Work, Raleigh, N. C.,
Rev. B. W. Spilman, Missionary.

J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., is Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, and money for any of the above objects may be sent to him or sent direct. Clerks of churches are urged to send off money as fast as collected, evcept Associational Missions, which should be sent up to the Unions and Association. Please keep a full record of all money sent off or spent for local church purposes and report same in Associational letter. It has proven best in most churches to divide the year up for the various objects, so as to have systematic giving. Something like the following is very good:

January—Foreign Missions.
March—Home Missions.
May—Ministerial Education.
July—Orphanage.
September—State Missions.
November—Ministerial Relief.

UNION MEETINGS.

These meetings are for the meetings of the Executive Board and the discussion of matters pertaining to the general welfare of the churches: Representatives are as follows:

The members of this Union shall consist of the Ministers, Deacons, Clerks of of churches, Sunday-school Superintendents, Members of Executive Board, and three representatives from each church. This Union may invite members in good standing in their churches to participate in all its proceeding except that of voting.

Churches are urged to send up to each Union all Associational Mission money on hand.

The meetings are held on the 5th Sunday and Friday and Saturday before. Should a 5th Sunday fall in October no meeting is held.

CHURCHES.	For'gn Missions	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions	Minute Fund....	Orphanage.....	Ministers' Relief	Ministerial Education	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary	Church Property	Improvements..	Other Church Expensis
Antioch	2 09	1 59	1 50	11 24	1 00	1 64				55 00	800 00	19 50	1 03
Autryville	5 74	2 00	1 00	6 56	80	5 00			2 00	60 00	600 00		
Baptist Chapel	3 05		1 07	11 77	1 40	1 65			5 00	100 00	300 00		
Beulah				8 15	50					Miss.	300 00		
Browns				4 25						40 00	100 00		
Calvary				2 52	1 00					40 00	500 00	50 00	
Canaan	10			7 65						Miss.	300 00		
Center				10 50	30					32 00	200 00	5 00	5 41
Clement			1 96	1 61	1 55					75 00	500 00		
Concord	82			4 87	90	1 70				90 00	300 00		
Elizabeth	55			7 01		1 11				50 00	300 00		
Evergreen				1 10	20					20 00	200 00		
Fayetteville	79 91	53 17	16 60	55 00	2 00	26 28	15 00	17 54	405 00	900 00	8000 00	600 00	150 00
Hickory Grove				4 79						40 00	200 00		
Long Branch				4 03	80					50 00	300 00		5 00
Macedonia	42	42		9 85	50	42				50 00	1000 00		
Magnolia	20			8 71	1 20					60 00	300 00		
Mary's Chapel				1 05						12 00	150 00		
Mill Creek	25			6 70	90					35 00	300 00		
Mount Elam				9 36	1 50					50 00	300 00		
Oliver's Grove				1 00	75					15 00	300 00		
Piney Green			1 13	5 30					7 72	60 00	300 00		
Pleasant Union	1 00			2 50	30					50 00	500 00	50 00	
Roseboro					50					Miss.	300 00		
Rowan				6 02						40 00	200 00		
Royal's Chapel	1 02			3 95	25	86				25 00	200 00		
Salem	27 52		9 55	50 00	1 50	10 12			10 30	125 00	150 00		
Spring Branch	11 02	11 25	1 82	17 30	2 50	50			8 00	80 00	400 00	25 00	10 00
Trinity	1 25			5 30	75					30 00	200 00		
Union Grove	3 00			10 02	80					35 00	125 00		

CHURCHES:	Scholars....	Of'rs. Teach	Total	Expended..	Open Mon's	SUP'TS.	P. O.
Antioch	50	8—	58	$3 72	12	G. W. Starling,	Falcon,
Autryville......	30	6—	36	5 00	12	F. I. McKenzie,	Autryville,
*Baptist Chapel.	113	5—	118	2 00	9	O. B. Tew,	Hawley's Store,
Beulah							
Browns	55	4—	59	2 00	6	J. C. Howard,	Clinton,
Calvary	30	3—	33	1 50	6	Jas. Johnson,	McKoy.
Canaan.........	17	2—	19	1 00	3	George Warren,	Glenwood,
Center	81	5—	86	5 75	8	W. R Williams,	Cornelia,
Clement	85	6—	91	5 19	9	D. C. Mathis,	Clement,
Concord	75	5—	80	3 00	9	Robt. L. Hall,	Autryville,
Elizabeth.......	40	5—	45	10 00	8	H. H. Edwards,	Clinton,
Evergreen	30	3—	33	3 00	6	Enoch Hall,	Robin,
†Fayetteville . .	187	23—	210	91 31	12	Jno. A. Oates, Jr.,	Fayetteville,
Hickory Grove..	40	5—	45	...	6	W. E. Herring,	Blake,
Long Branch...	85	5	90	....	..	L. W. Autry.	Autryville,
Macedonia	27	4—	31	....	..	M. F. Starling,	Cedar Creek,
Magnolia	60	5 -	65	....	12	A. M. Autry,	Stedman,
Mary's Chapel..	No School.						
Mill Creek......	56	4—	60	2 25	7	Jno. Horne,	Hives,
Mount Elam....	74	4—	78	3 00	12	R. F. Jackson,	Lydia,
Oliver's Grove..			Not kept.				
Piney Green....	70	5 –	75	4 00	9	H. G. Sessoms,	Huntly,
Pleasant Union.	100	5—	105	....	6	R. M. Royall,	Owenville,
Roseboro			Union.				
Rowan.	40	2—	42	1 50	7	J. A. Sykes,	Clinton,
Royal's Chapel..			None.				
Salem	146	7—	153	10 00	12	A. F. Cooper,	Huntley,
Spring Branch..	68	7—	75	10 29	12	O. D. Strickland,	Giles' Mills,
Trinity	Not kept.			17 28	12		
Union Grove..	80	6—	86	....	..	C. C. Howard,	Clement
White Oak.....	142	12—	154	11 97	8	E. T. Turlington.	Ora,

* 1 Branch School. † 2 Branch Schools.

CHURCHES:	PASTORS:	P. O.	TIME OF PREACHING:	CLERKS:	P. O.
Antioch	W. R. Johnson,	Cedar Creek,	1st Sun. and Sat. before.	O. R. Starling,	Falcon,
Autryville......	R. A. Hedgepeth.	Autryville,	1st and 3rd Sundays.	F. I. McKenzie,	Autryville,
Baptist Chapel..	R. A. Hedgepeth,	Autryville,	4th Sun. and Sat. before	B. Hawley,	Hawley's Store,
Beulah	John Prevatte,	Ora,	4th “ “ “ “	J. B. Young,	Benson,
Browns	Thos. B. Hall,	Dismal,	4th “ “ “ “	David A. Bass,	Keener's,
Calvary	A. N. Campbell,	Poe's	2nd “ “ “ “	Marshal Lee,	McKoy,
Canaan.........	Thos. B. Hall, (Mission)	Dismal,	1st Sunday.	T. L. Hudson,	Glenwood,
Center	W. M. Page,	Falcon,	3rd “	W. R. Williams,	Cornelia,
Clement	R. A. Hedgepeth,	Autryville,	4th Sun. and Sat. before.	W. B. Mathis,	Clement,
Concord	R. A. Hedgepeth,	Autryville,	3rd “ “ “ “	J. B. Jackson,	Autryville,
Elizabeth.......	R. C. Sandling,	Clinton,	4th “ “ “ “	W. J. Watson,	Clinton,
Evergreen	Thos. B. Hall,	Dismal,	2nd “ “ “ “	A. D. Bedsole,	Robin,
Fayetteville . ..	Chas. A. G. Thomas,	Fayetteville,	Every Sunday.	J. A. Oates, Jr.,	Fayetteville,
Hickory Grove..	R. Honeycutt,	Clinton,	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.	Jackson Strickland,	Blake,
Long Branch...	W. M. Page,	Falcon,	2nd “ “ “ “	H. I. Hall,	Autryville,
Macedonia	J. G. Fisher,	Roslin,	1st “ “ “ “	M. H. Sessoms,	Buckhorn,
Magnolia	J. O. Tew,	Fayetteville,	3rd “ “ “ “	J. H. Bryant,	Stedman,
Mary's Chapel..	J. W. Bell,	Clinton,	1st “ “ “ “	M. J. Bradshaw,	Keener's,
Mill Creek......	J. O. Tew,	Fayetteville.	2nd “ “ “ “	Jno. Horne,	Hives,
Mount Elam....	Thos. B. Hall,	Dismal,	3rd “ “ “ “	I. D. Jackson,	Lydia,
Oliver's Grove..	N. H. Gibbs,	Benson,	2nd “ “ “ “	Haywood Johnson,	Four Oaks,
Piney Green....	W. M. Page,	Falcon,	4th “ “ “ “	A. Royall,	Huntly,
Pleasant Union.	Wm. Brunt,	Winnie,	3rd “ “ “ “	J. P. Sessoms,	Hayne,
Roseboro	J. O. Tew, (Mission)	Fayetteville,	2nd Sunday.	W. H. Howard,	Roseboro,
Rowan.	O. P. Meeks,	Clinton,	3rd Sun. and Sat. before.	L. H. Best,	Clinton,
Royal's Chapel..	F. T. Wooten,	Ora,	2nd “ “ “ “	C. H. Butler,	Clinton,
Salem	F. T. Wooten,	Ora,	1st “ “ “ “	A. F. Howard,	Ora,
Spring Branch..	J. A. Campbell,	Poe's,	1st “ “ “ “	R. M. Warren,	Giles Mill,
Trinity	W. M. Page,	Falcon,	1st “ “ “ “	J. S. Lawhon,	Rome,
Union Grove..	F. T. Wooten,	Ora,	1st “ “ “ “	R. W. Howard,	Clement,
White Oak.....	F. T. Wooten,	Ora.	3rd “ “ “ “	J. R. Butler,	Clinton,

Membership Table.

CHURCHES:	Baptized	R'c'd by Letter	Restored	Dism'd by Let.	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total
Antioch	2	3	..	2	15	4	68	75—	143
Autryville	2	5	..	2	2	2	25	34—	59
Baptist Chapel	5	4	1	1	2	6	74	126—	200
Beulah	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	9—	14
Browns	..	1	..	1	..	1	33	33—	66
Calvary	.	..	..	..	..	2	13	19—	32
Canaan	..	..	..	2	7	1	7	26—	33
Center	4	..	..	..	3	..	29	29—	58
Clement	7	..	..	1	5	2	49	57—	106
Concord	5	..	..	2	6	1	43	112—	155
Elizabeth	..	3	1	2	2	..	42	44—	86
Evergreen	..	..	..	6	1	1	16	18—	34
Fayetteville	19	23	2	15	10	3	87	209—	296
Hickory Grove	..	..	..	..	7	2	24	40—	64
Long Branch	5	3	1	3	..	..	53	55—	108
Macedonia	6	..	3	2	..	2	21	48—	69
Magnolia	18	3	1	2	..	2	36	63—	99
Mary's Chapel	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	25—	40
Mill Creek	..	..	..	..	1	..	26	36—	62
Mount Elam	..	1	..	7	3	1	43	58—	101
Oliver's Grove	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	8—	16
Piney Green	..	..	..	5	..	..	40	131—	171
Pleasant Union	..	..	..	2	3	2	50	51—	101
Roseboro	..	.	.	3	..	..	10	8—	18
Rowan	..	6	..	..	3	..	29	60—	89
Royal's Chapel	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	21—	35
Salem	9	5	..	7	7	3	82	103—	185
Spring Branch	1	3	1	1	..	2	123	178—	307
Trinity	..	..	..	..	3	..	13	20—	33
Union Grove	7	..	..	..	..	..	35	42—	77
White Oak	3	..	..	2	..	4	41	73—	114
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History of the Sessions of the South River Baptist Association.

Prepared by Whitney Royal, John B. Downing, and John Prevatte.

A Special Committee for that Purpose Aappointed by the Union Meeting at Pleasant Uuion in July 1898.

The South River Baptist Association was organized on the 30th day of Nov. 1877, at Baptist Chapel, Sampson county, N. C., by electing the following officers: A. B. Alderman, Moderator; G. W. Highsmith, Clerk; J. L. Autry, Treasurer; with nine churches from the Cedar Creek Association, viz: Salem, Mt. Elam, Concord, Baptist Chapel, Long Branch, Lilley's Grove, Spring Branch, Piney Green, White Oak, and one from the Eastern, viz: Brown's, total 10, with a total membership of 1,288

The constitution was drawn and read by Bro. Isham Royal, and adopted in sections. Brethren Isham Royal, J. L. Autry, S. J. Guy, H. G. Britt and L. W. Strickland, were appointed an Executive Board. When the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we will use our strongest efforts in raising funds for missionary purposes. This year the Board occupied the following points: Bizzell's School House, Peacock's X Roads, Oliver's Grove, Purdam School House, Hickory Grove, Carter's School House and Poplar Branch.

The following did mission work: H. S. Spivey, W. M. Page, A. B Alderman, S. C. Page, H. J. Duncan, J. T. Townsend and Reuben Fisher. As a result of this year's work there were two churches organized, viz: Oliver's Grove and Union Grove.

The second session of the Association met with the Piney Green church, Sampson county, Nov. 14th 1878. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. Fisher, from text, 1 Cor. 6:20, and was organized by electing A. B. Alderman Moderator, G. W. Highsmith Clerk and J. L. Autry Treasurer.

At this session there were five churches received into the body, viz: Pleasant Union and Magnolia from the Cedar Creek Association, and Ebenezer from the Eastern Association, and Union Grove and Oliver's Grove newly constituted. The total membership at this session was 1,383.

The following brethren were elected on the Executive Board. Isham Royal, H. G. Britt, S. J. Guy, Kedar Vann, R. M. Crumpler and Whitney Royal, and J. L. Autry. They occupied the following places monthly by the following preachers: H. J. Duncan at Peacock's Cross Roads and Bizzell's School House and Hickory Grove, in Sampson county, Reuben Fisher at Carter's School House, in Cumberland county, J. T. Townsend at McMillian's School House and Rhodes' Mills. Elder Fisher organized a church (Macedonia) at Carter's School House with 40 members, and erected a house of worship. Elder H. J. Duncan organized a church at Hickory Grove with 9 members. The missionaries at other points reported large and attentive congregations.

The third session was held with Concord church, Cumberland county, N. C., Nov. 13th 1879, and organized by electing Rev. A. B. Alderman Moderator, John B. Downing Clerk, and J. L. Autry Treasurer. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. M. Page, text, Acts 10:53. At this session Macedonia and Hickory Grove (newly constituted) churches were received as members of this body, and the following elected on the Executive Board: Isham Royal, J. L Autry, S J. Guy, Whitney Royal, J. J. Highsmith, J. A. Beaman and W. J. Hornrine.

This year the board employed H. J. Duncan monthly at Peacock's Cross Roads in Johnston county. As a result of the labor at this point, a church was organized. (Trinity) with 4 members. Reuben Fisher was employed monthly at Maple Grove. Large and attentive congregations at this point.

The fourth session of this body was held with Ebenezer church, Sampson county, N. C., Nov. 16th–18th 1880, and was organized by electing A. B. Alderman Moderator, John B. Downing, Clerk, and Robert Highsmith, Treasurer. The introductry sermon was preached by J. T. Townsend, text—Ex. 14:15—"go forward."

The church at Rowan, from the Eastern association, was received into this body, also Trinity, a newly constituted church, the work of the Executive Board. Brethren Whitney Royal, W. J. Hornrine, S. J. Guy, J. A Beaman, J. J. Highsmith, H. G. Britt and G. Godwin, were elected members of the executive board.

The fifth annual session was held with Brown's church, Sampson county, October 18th, 1881, and was organized by electing A. B. Alderman, Moderator, Isham Royal, Clerk, and Robert Highsmith, Treasurer. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Tew, text—John 19:30—"it is finished." The executive board, this year, thought it advisable to employ one general missionary, and employed Rev. R. Newton for half his time, who preached at the following points during the year: He visited Maple Grove and Trinity, also Olivers Grove, Sessoms' Mill; baptized one at Trinity and seven at Maple Grove. The same executive board was re-elected.

The sixth session of this association was held at the church at Long Branch, October 17th 1882. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. H. J. Duncan, text—Mark 16:15-16, and was organized by electing A. B. Alderman, Moderator, John B. Downing, Clerk, Robert Highsmith, Treasurer. Mill Creek and Herman, newly constituted churches, were admitted. The Board, this year, employed Rev. R. Newton to preach once a month at

Maple Grove and Trinity, and Elder J. O. Tew four trips to Oliver's Grove. The executive board, this year, are Isham Royal; J A. Beaman, Robert Highsmith, W. J. Hornrine, J. L. Autry, W. Royal, and Jas. E Britt.

The seventh session was held with Spring Branch church, Sampson county, October 23rd, 1883. Organized by electing Isham Royal, Moderator, John B. Downing, Clerk, and Kedar Vann, Treasurer. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Tew, text—2 Sam. 3:33 34. At this session, Antioch church from the Cedar Creek, Canaan from the Eastern, and Lebanon, newly constituted, were admitted. This year the board aided the churches at Maple Grove, Trinity, Oliver's Grove, Hickory Grove. A B. Alderman, W. M Page, Wm. Bland, D. W. Tew, J. O Tew, and R. Honeycutt, did mission work in the association. Brethren Isham Royal, Robert Highsmith, John B. Downing, J. A Beaman. H. L. Hall, Whitney Royal, and R, A. Draughon, were elected an executive board.

The eighth session was held with the church at White Oak, Sampson county. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Johnson, text—1 Kings 20:40. Isham Royal, Moderator, John B. Downing, Clerk, Kedar Vann, Treasurer. The board, this year, supplied Maple Grove, and Trinity monthly by W. M. Page and J. O. Tew; they also aided the following churches and stations: Oliver's Grove, Britt's School House, Pope's school house. Rev. Wm. Bland, I. T. Newton, A. B. Alderman did missionary work for the association this year. Isham Royal, W. Royal, Robert Highsmith, John B Downing, H L. Hall, T. W. Britt, Robert A. Draughon, were the executive committee.

The ninth session was held at Magnolia, Cumberland county—Moderator, I. Royal; Clerk, J. B. Downing; Treasurer, Kedar Vann. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. J. Duncan—text, Rom. 5:20. The church at Greenwood, Harnett county, (now Dunn, newly constituted) was received. The executive board supplied Trinity and Maple Grove with regular preaching by Elders W. M. Page and J. O Tew and gave aid to Oliver's Grove and Pope's School House by W. R Johnson, who organized the church at Greenwood (now Dunn), with twelve members. Revs. W. S. Melvin and H. J. Duncan did some missionary work. The old executive board was re-elected.

The tenth annual session was held with the church at Union Grove, Sampson county, October 19, 1886. The introductory sermon sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Tew—text, John 9:9: "He said, I am he." Isham Royal was elected Moderator, R. A. Draughon Clerk and H. L. Hall Treasurer. Royal's Chapel, a newly constituted church, was received, also Elizabeth, newly constituted. The board supplied the church at Greenwood with regular preaching by Rev. W. R. Johnson, and aided the churches at Trinity, Maple Grove and Royal's Chapel. There was a considerable increase by baptism. Revs. W. M. Page, J. O. Tew and I. T. Newton did missionary work in the association. J. L. Autry, A. J. Cooper, J. A. Beaman, O. D. Strickland, James M. Johnson, and James C. Robinson were elected an executive board.

The eleventh session was held at Canaan, Sampson county, October 19th, 1887. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. I. T. Newton—text, Luke 17:9. Moderator, Isham Royal; Clerk, R. A. Draughan; Treasurer, H. L. Hall. The church at Ebenezer was granted a letter of dismissal to join the Eastern association. During the year the board aided the churches at Greenwood, Oliver's Grove, Maple Grove, Royal's Chapel and Trinity. The missionaries reported increased interest at all of these churches with some additions. Revs. W. R. Johnson, W. M. Page, I. T. Newton, H. McAlpine, H. J. Duncan and E. J. Edwards did missionary work in the association. This year brethren Isham Royal, Whitney Royal, J B. Downing, O. D. Strickland, J. M. Johnson, H. L Hall and Robert N. Butle were elected as an executive board.

The twelfth session was held at Rowan, Sampson county. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. R Johnson—text, John 3:16. The association organized by electing Isham Royal Moderator, J. B. Downing Clerk and Robert N. Butler Treasurer. The church at Clement and Evergreen, both newly constituted, were admitted into this body. The churches at Maple Grove and Canaan were consolidated under the name of Canaan. The executive board this year aided the churches at Trinity, Royal's Chapel, Oliver's Grove and Dunn. The missionaries at these churches reported increased interest. The board occupied Barbrey's school house for a portion of the year. The following brethren did missionary work: Revs. F. R. Underwood, W. R Johnson, H. J. Duncan and I. T. Newton. The association elected brethren Isham Royal, J. M. Johnson, O D. Strickland, J. B. Downing, Robert N. Butler, Whitney Royal and D H. Jackson as an executive board.

The thirteenth session was held at Dunn. Harnett county. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Speight—subject, "Joseph of Aramathea. The association organized by electing the same Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer as last year. The church at Mary's chapel, newly constituted, was admitted to membership. The executive board aided the churches at Dunn, Oliver's Grove, Trinity and Royal's chapel this year. The board authorized Rev. J. W. Bell to preach at Barbrey's school house who called to his aid Rev. G. S. Best and held a meeting of days that resulted in the conversion and baptism of a number of persons and the organization of a church (Mary's chapel) with 40 members. The old executive board was reelected.

The fourteenth annual session was held with the church at Hickory Grove, October 28th, 1890. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Johnson—text, Isaiah 43:1: "Fear not." The association organized by re-electing the same officers. This year the board supplemented the salaries of the pastors at Dunn, Oliver's Grove, Trinity, and Royal's chapel. All these churches were greatly revived during the year. Revs. Johnson, Best and

Campbell did missionary work in the association this year. The following resolution was adopted at this session:

"Resolved. That this association sympathizes with the purpose to establish a Baptist school of high grade at Autryville, and that we pledge it our encouragement and patronage so long as properly conducted."

The old executive board was re-elected with the exception of J. B. Downing, Angus Bain being elected in his place.

The fifteenth annual session was held with the church at Mill Creek, October 15, '91. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. F. R Underwood—text, Numbers 14:24 Association organized by re-electing same officers The churches at Autryville and Roseboro, newly constituted, were received at this session. The board aided the churches at Trinity, Royal's chapel, Oliver's Grove and Dunn There were some additions by baptism and large and attentive congregations. Revs. W. M. Page, G. S. Best and J. O Tew supplied the churches. Oliver's Grove reported as self-sustaining. Rev. W. R Johnson was assigned to Roseboro where he preached monthly. As a result of the labors at this place a church was organized. Rev. W. F. Watson preached regularly at Dunn. No change made in the executive board.

The sixteenth annual session was held with the church at Autryville October 19th, 1892 Rev. J O. Tew preached the introductory sermon—text, Romans 12:1. Association organized by re-electing the old officers. The executive board supplemented the salary of Rev. W. F. Watson at Dunn. About 50 were added to the church this year. They also aided the churches at Roseboro and Royal's chapel They sent Revs. J. O. Tew and F R. Underwood one time to Parkersburg. No change in executive board.

The seventeenth session was held at Piney Green October 18, 1893. Rev. W. R. Johnson preached the introductory sermon—text, Matthew 5:13. Association organized by re-electing the same officers. The board this year employed Rev. W. B. Harrell regularly at Poplar Grove school house, Johnston county, also Rev. W. R Johnson at Roseboro, Sampson county. No change in executive board.

The eighteenth annual session was held at Mt. Elam October 24, 1894. Rev. S. C. Page preached the introductory sermon—text, 2 Timothy 4:6. Association organized by re-electing the old officers. Calvary church, newly constituted, was admitted to membership. The executive board supplied Poplar Grove school house with monthly preaching by W. B. Harrell. The result at this place was eleven baptized and a church organized (Calvary) with 23 members. Rev. John Prevatt preached monthly at Roseboro Brethren Isham Royal, Whitney Royal, R. N. Butler, O. D. Strickland, Angus Bain, J. B. Downing and A. J. Cooper were elected as the executive board.

The nineteenth session was held at Oliver's Grove October 23, '95. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. B.

Harrell—text, John 10:27:28. H. L. Hall was elected Moderator, J. B. Downing Clerk and R. N. Butler Treasurer. The church at Center, newly constituted, was admitted to membership. The executive board occupied Roseboro, McMillan's chapel and Calvary. John Prevatt preached regularly at Roseboro and McMillan's chapel, and as a result fifteen were baptized and a church organized, called Center, with 24 members. R. Honeycutt did missionary work at Hudson's school house and baptized eight with prospects of organizing a church in the near future. Brethren John B. Downing, Whitney Royal, R. N. Butler, O. D. Strickland, S. A. Howard, H. L. Hall and J. M. Johnson were elected as the executive board.

The twentieth annual session was held at Baptist chapel October 21, 1896. R. Honeycutt preached the introductory sermon—text, 2 Cor. 6:16. Association organized by re electing the same officers as last year. The church at Beulah, newly constituted, was admitted to membership; also Fayetteville church, with a letter from Robeson association, was admitted: The executive board was instructed to employ a general missionary for all of his time, and at their first meeting in October they secured Rev. John Prevatt at a salary of $300 and instructed him to preach at Roseboro, Center, Calvary and Beulah, and to employ the balance of his time in missionary work in the association. He reported 160 sermons, 125 religious visits, baptized 34 and collected on the field $35 29 for associational missions. At this session Bro. J. L. Autry presented the association with a deed of gift conveying the school property at Autryville. The association accepted the generous gift and appointed J. L. Autry, R. N. Butler, J. B. Downing, H. L. Hall J. T. Williams and E. T. Turlington trustees. Bro. J. L. Autry was elected a permanent trustee. Brethren J. A. Oates, Jr., W. Royal, R. N. Butler, O. D. Strickland, S. A. Howard, J. M. Johnson and Angus Bain were elected as an executive board.

The twenty-first annual session was held with the church at Antioch, Cumberland county, October 20th, 1897. Rev. C. A. G. Thomas preached the introductory sermon—Eph. 4:16. The association organized by electing H. L. Hall Moderator, John B. Downing Clerk and R. N. Butler Treasurer. The executive board had the services of Revs. John Prevatt and G. A. Bain this year. Bro. Prevatt served Canaan, Beulah and Center churches, and Parker's school house, Beaver Dam and Westbrook—the last three are stations. He reported 124 sermons, meeting of days held 8, baptized 13, restored 2, received by letter 3, collected on the field $43 50. Bro. Bain served at Oliver's Grove, Calvary, Roseboro and Mill Creek—all organized churches. He reported 304 days' work, 1,116 families visited and 39 religious visits. The association elected J. A. Oates, Jr., Angus Bain, W. Royal, R. N. Butler, O. D. Strickland, S. A. Howard and H. McLamb an executive board.

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OCTOBER

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W. G. Hall,	Falcon,	"	"	"
J. W. Bell,	Clinton,	Sampson	"	"
Redin Honeycutt,	"	"	"	"
Wm. Bland,	Hawley's Store,	"	"	"
H. J. Duncan,	Clinton,	"	"	"
John Prevatt,	Salemburg,	"	"	"
Thos. B. Hall,	Dismal,	"	"	"
M. W. Naylor,	Giles Mill,	"	"	"
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J. M. Page,	Clement,	"	"	"
C. M. McIntosh,	Clement,	"	"	"

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NEXT MEETING:

Time—October 24th, 1900.
Place—Macedonia, Cumberland County.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. M. W. Naylor.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

PROCEEDINGS.

Spring Branch Baptist Church, Sampson County, N. C.,
Wednesday, October 18th, 1899.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 23rd. annual session according to invitation and appointment. The weather was clear and warm. The attendance at the opening was unusually large. Improvements in the house of worship were noted with pleasure.

Rev F. T. Wooten, who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, being absent, this sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth by request of the Moderator.

Text: ' Oh Lord revive thy work"—Habakkuk, 3:2.

At 12:15 the association took an intermission until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator John B. Downing. After devotional exercises led by the Moderator the association was declared ready for business.

On motion the reading of the letters was dispensed with and the enrollment of delegates made from slips handed in by each delegate. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Digest to tabulate the reports in full and present report at will of association, as follows· J. L Autry, H. L. Hall, J. A. Dawson.

As Finance Committee to cooperate with this Committee and make separate report: J. G. Layton, Jr., H. A. Cooper.

Committee reported 40 delegates present.

It being time for the election of officers the following were elected:

John B. Downing, Moderator by acclamation.
John A. Oates, Jr , Clerk "
Robert N. Butler, Treasurer "

Moderator thanks brethren for confidence reposed in him.

The Address of Welcome was made by Rev. J. A. Campbell.

Response by John A. Oates, Jr., at request of Moderator.

While Moderator was making list of Committees Rev. M. A. Adams led a responsive service many members of the congregation quoting precious scriptures.

Committees to report at this session were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions—R. A. Hedgpeth, J. C. Williford.
Home " —H. B. Howard, J. B. Jackson.
State " —M. A. Adams, W. J. Pope.
Sabbath Schools —J. L Autry, O. D. Strickland.
Intemperance —W. M Page, R. W. Howard
Orphanage —R. N. Butler, W. O. Lee.
Obituaries —R. Honeycutt, Angus Bain.
Ministers' Relief —M. W. Naylor, R. N. Butler.
Education —H. L. Hall, E. T. Parham.
Periodicals —E. J. Edwards. R N. Butler.
Colportage —R. Honeycutt, L W. Autry.
Church Discipline—D. J. Breece; J. K. Hudson.
Programme —Pastor and Deacons of Spring Branch.

Nominate Executive Board—H. L. Hall, J. M. Johnson, H. B. Howard.

Auditing Committee—D. J. Breece, M. H. Sessoms.

South River School—R. A. Hedgpeth, E. T. Parham.

The Moderator extended welcome to visiting and corresponding brethren. The following responded:

Rev. M. A. Adams, Raleigh Association.

Rev. E. J. Edwards, Representing North Carolina Baptist.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, Fraternal Messenger from Cedar Creek Association.

Rev. J. A. Campbell, Little River Association, for *Biblical Recorder.*

E. T. Parham, Robeson Association—Principal S. R. Institute.

Amma Alderman, Little River Association.

S. J. Guy, Cedar Creek Association.

Eldridge Lee, Little River Association.

R. N. Butler announced for *Charity and Children.*

Rev. M. A. Adams read report on State Missions as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions commends itself to every consecrated and loyal Baptist in the state of North Carolina. It is indeed one of the most deeply seated of the objects now being cared for by our state Convention. The work comprises now all of North Carolina. The State Mission Board strives to work first where Baptist churches have never been planted and where no church of any kind exists.

Second, it covers the ground which has been preoccupied by other denominations.

Third, among our factory people.

Fourth, the Board also strives to develop the work at weak points and to stimulate them to be selfsupporting.

We wish to commend the work of our most excellent Secretary, John E. White and ask your prayers for him.

The work is progressing finely along all lines. There are over 100 missionaries now in the employ of the Board.

The pressing need just now is more funds and hence the Board asks for an increase in the contributions of the churches. This is asked for the actual support of the work. The Board is anxious to go to the Convention out of debt. To do this an increase is necessary—we believe it will be given.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. ADAMS,
W. J. POPE.

Remarks by Rev. M. A. Adams and pledges taken from the churches. (See table of pledges)

Moderator announces Woman's Missionary Society meeting Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Bro. David Williford's.

Adjourned at 3:45 with devotional exercises by Rev. W. M. Page.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19—MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. J. O. Tew. At 9:45 the body began business. The list of delegates present yesterday was called.

The Moderator announced change of Woman's meeting to 1:30 in the afternoon.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Several new delegates enrolled. Moderator announced Committee to nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, State Convention and sister associations: J. B. Bryant, S. A. Howard.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Associational School: R N. Butler, Jno. Horne.

Rev. W. M. Page read the report on Intemperance.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

"Be ye temperate in all things" is the command of wisdom and divinity. Temperance is conducive to peace, health, spiritual life and general wellbeing among men. Intemperance of speech leads to ill feeling; intemperance of action leads to injury; intemperance of thought is the father of both. We want to urge temperance in all appetites. There are things other than strong drink that defile a man.

However, we want to especially call your attention to the evils of strong drink—whiskey, wine and cider. This is a trio of evils which does more for the injury of man than the historic troubles of war, pestilence and plague. "Strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." There are those of our own numbers in Baptist churches that are thus deceived, bringing reproach on the church of God and sufferings on themselves. Teach them in temperance; advise them to abstain. We urge that if any one fail to hear the brethren and the church and continue in drunkenness that fellowship be withdrawn from such an one.

We condemn the wine press and cider press as handmaids of the saloon.

The sale of fruit for wine or cider is as much an evil as the sale of the finished product. Teach these things.

We urge that the Baptists of Sampson and Cumberland act unitedly in work against the licensed saloon.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Page,
R. W. Howard.

Remarks on report by W. M. Page, E T. Parham R. W. Howard, R. Honeycutt, J. O. Tew, J. A. Oates, Jr., Amma Alderman, J. A. Dawson and J. L. Autry. Report adopted.

Moderator renewed invitation to visitors and the following responded:

N. A. Layton from Bladen Association.

Rev. B. W. Spilman of the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools.

Rev. W. F. Fry representing Oxford Female Seminary.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth read report of Woman's Missionary Society, which was received and ordered appended to minutes.

Remarks by R. A. Hedgpeth.

H. L. Hall read report of Committee to nominate Executive Board as follows:

Your Committee recommend the following as Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R N. Butler, S. A. Howard, J. A. Oates, Jr., J. B. Bryant, Whitney Royal, R. W. Howard, O. D. Strickland.

Report adopted.

It being the time for preaching the Missionary Sermon Rev. W. M. Page preached it from the text: "For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones."—Eph. 5:30.

This was a sermon of great power and greatly enjoyed.

A collection of $5 58 was taken for Associational Missions.

Association adjourned for refreshments.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order at 1:45. Prayer by Rev. J. O. Tew. Several new delegates were enrolled. The total enrollment of new delegates for the day was 6.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth reported on South River School as follows:

REPORT ON SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

This institution is in a fairly good condition for a beginning of the fall term. Twenty-eight students are enrolled. We recommend the hearty support and cooperation of the association. Brethren you are surely under obligations to support this school as your own. We must have the help of the association or the work cannot prosper. We do sincerely trust tnat you will come to the rescue of your own school.

E. T. Parham,
R. A. Hedgpeth.
Committee.

Remarks by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth and E. T. Parham.

In this connection John A. Oates, Jr., made report of the financial condition of school reporting the indebtedness on building shown in last year's report—$59.10. Remarks by J. A. Oates, Jr., E. T. Parham, J. L. Autry, R. A. Hedgpeth, William Bland and the Moderator.

A collection of cash and pledges amounting to $24 was raised toward paying the note of Rev. C. M. McIntosh against the school for building.

The Committee to nominate Trustees for Associational School recommend J. L. Autry, E. T. Turlington, R. A. Hedgpeth, F. I. McKenzie, J. B. Jackson, L. M. Cooper. D. J. Breece. The Several Reports Adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read by J. L. Autry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday School is the work of the church. No member of the church can do his or her full duty except they do this part of the church work. Moses was commanded to teach the law to the children. He says that God will raise up a prophet like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things. The church is the bride and must be adorned. This can be done only by teaching the will of Christ, the Great Head of the church. We look upon this matter second only to the preachiug of the gospel.

J. L. Autry, Chairman.
O. D. Strickland.

Remarks by Rev. B. W. Spilman. Report adopted.

Rev. E. J. Edwards read report on periodicals.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Brethren, the country is flooded at present with literature, much of which is unfit to enter our homes or be read by our people. That this poisonous stuff may be choked out we suggest

First, that our homes and country be flooded with sound literature, elevating and religious. We recommend our Baptist papers, the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and the periodicals of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society to our people as antidotes to counteract the baneful effects of the unsound literature of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Remarks by E. J. Edwards, J. A. Oates, Jr , R. N. Butler, J. L. Autry, B. W. Spilman, William Bland. Report adopted.

The association then adjourned until 9.30 Friday.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R Honeycutt.

Association began business at 9:45.

One new delegate enrolled making a total of 47.

List of delegates called; minutes read and approved.

Rev. R. Honeycutt read report on obituaries.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Dear Brethren, since our last meeting we have known and heard of many of our dear brethren and sisters passing over into the spirit land where the reward of their hands is given them. This should remind us that we are also nearing the same crossing. Therefore, let us be watchful unto prayer that we may be found in Him, Christ Jesus, without spot and blameness.

Respectfully submitted,

R. HONEYCUTT,
ANGUS BAIN.

Report adopted.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth read report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign missions is sending the gospel to those who have it not in lands other than ours. This age is called the "Educational Age" and the "Inventive Age" but we may well call it the "Missionary Age." Just about 100 years ago modern missions began under the impulse of William Cary's great soul. He was but a poor shoemaker in England, but he had as his working power "Undertake great things for God and expect great things from God." This moved men and they went into

India, China and Africa to tell men about Jesus. Has this work been a success? A thousand times yes.

There are now about a million and a half of converts to Christ in foreign lands, 12,000 missionaries and $15,000,000 a year spent for the carrying out of Christ's last command to disciple all nations. It costs less to-day to convert a heathen than it does an American. The money is not wasted in expenses, but goes direct to the workers on the field.

The question with us is what am I doing as an individual disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ? In looking over the minutes I find that this association is not doing what it could do for missions. We recommend that the churches pledge for this object and make special efforts to collect the money before May 1st, when the conventional year closes. Let us labor to day, for Jesus may call us to-morrow.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. Hedgpeth, Chairman.
J. C. Williford.

Remarks by J. A. Dawson, R. A. Hedgpeth, and pledges taken amounting to $136 75.

Report adopted.

Rev. O. P. Meeks from Eastern Association was welcomed to a seat

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth read report on orphanage.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

An orphanage is an institution for the care of orphans. The Baptists of North Carolina founded an orphanage in Thomasville in 1885.

It has cared for hundreds of destitute children; it has been a blessing to many churches. It now cares for nearly 200 orphans and is the most economically managed orphanage of its size in the world. The children are fed, clothed, managed, warmed, sheltered and taught at a cost of less than five dollars per month.

We commend the orphanage and urge that all our churches take at least one offering for it during the year, and that our Sunday Schools give at least one of its monthly offerings to the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. Butler,
W. O. Lee.

Collection taken for Orphanage amounting to $4.23.
Report adopted.

Leave of absence granted to two delegates.

E. T. Parham read report on education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

God in his infinite and tender love has given this beautiful, sunny Southland to us as a goodly heritage. It is being traversed from the rugged billows of the Atlantic to the placid bosom of the Pacific by false teachers of almost every nation of the earth. Well doth it behove every christian father and mother within its borders, to put forth every effort for the education of both minds and hearts of their children. No duty put upon us by an allwise God is so important. In behalf of this association, we recommend associational schools and academies as feeders of our Baptist male and female colleges of our beloved Old North State for their mutual culture and spiritual development. Let us, my brethren and sisters make greater sacrifices to wave the educational torch from centre to circumference of this fair Southland as a beacon light to the minds and hearts of our dear boys and girls to bless humanity, and to spread the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

H. L. Hall,
E. T. Parham,
Committee.

Remarks by E. T. Parham, W. F. Fry and William Bland.

Report adopted.

R. N. Butler read report of Executive Board.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We have done the best we could with the small amount of funds that have been put in our hands. We employed Rev. R. Honeycutt as our missionary. He has preached at Beaver Dam, Parker's School House, Mary's Chapel and Beulah once a month at each for the small sum of $12 08⅓ per month.

We supplemented Rev. O. P. Meek's salary at Roseboro for a part of the year. Brother Honeycutt's roport shows that Parker's School House and Beaver Dam are hopeful. The report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board will show how small an amount each church has paid.

Our Blessed Saviour tells us to go to all the world and preach his gospel, and how can they go unless they are sent and how can they hear without a preacher. He tells them to take neither purse nor scrip for the laborer is worthy of his hire.

Brethren let us carry out the command and try do more another year. Weak churches are calling for help, but we did not have a sufficient amount of funds to help them. Let the new Board have our prayers and a sufficient amount to carry on this great mission work, and God will bless us.

For receipts and disbursements please note report of Treasurer of Executive Board.

R. N. Butler,
Chairman.

Rev. R. Honeycutt read report of missionary for 4th quarter.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren. as heretofore, I have attended this last quarter, Beulah, Mary's Chapel, Parker's School House and Beaver Dam School House. I have preached 37 sermons and made 9 religious visits, and must say that I yet think and feel that our work at these points is hopeful. But it may be expected slow for a while yet, especially at Parker's School House and Beaver Dam. Brethren let us not grow weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not, is the promise of our God and Master. So then let us see to it that the unmixed truth of our Lord Jesus Christ is preached unto them regularly until God shall bring out of it results agreeable with his word and his own good pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Honeycutt,
Committee.

John A. Oates, Jr., read recommendations of Executive Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NEW BOARD.

The crowning work of this body is associational mission work. Many good churches stand as a monument of wise planning faithful preaching and sacrificial contributions. Just now waves of unsound doctrine are sweeping over us. Some weak churches are apparently growing weaker. There is need for some strong mission work. Catholicism, Universalism and Mormonism are endeavoring to take possession of our territory. These doctrines are specious and we need to meet them with the pure word of truth. On the frontier around our weak churches and mission points the time is upon us to do battle against error.

We trust that the churches will tell us to go forward and to that end we want the churches to raise associational mission money for the coming year as follows:

(See pledge table).

The three reports were discussed together by John A. Oates, Jr., R. Honeycutt, G. W. Naylor, O. P Meeks. Adopted.

Committee on digest made report and same read.

Received.

Petitions were received for next association from Pleasant Union and Macedonia.

Macedonia selected.

D. J. Breece read report on church discipline

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

A local Baptist church is the most supreme power in the Christian work. It is the guardian and sole judge of its membership. Under God it is its duty to purge itself of the impure and cut off the dead and non-fruit bearing branches. We would call attention to Matthew 18:15-17. "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his faults between thee and him alone. If he shall hear thee thou hast gained thy brother.

But if he will not hear thee, take with the one or two more that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established

And if he shall neglect to hear them tell it unto the church But if he neglect to hear the church let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

The local church is only for men and women born of God. In it we need to grow up from the Union with Christ until we shall be like Him in glory. Paul in his letter to the Galatians says: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

We need to keep the church of God pure, and in this we should show forth love and patience.

Respectfully submitted.

D J. Breece,
J. K. Hudson

Remarks by D. J. Breece, O. P. Meeks, J. A Dawson.

Report adopted.

Moderator announced committee for stated sermons at next session: M. H. Sessoms, H. L Hall.

Association adjourned until 1:30.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:30.

Report on Minister's Relief read by M. W. Naylor.

REPORT OF MINISTER'S RELIEF.

Dear Brethren—We have been shamefully negligent of our Minister's Relief Board. To contribute to this Board is a duty we owe to our aged and worn out brethren, to ourselves and to God. The Board has used well the means placed in their hands to assist such as have been recommended. Many have been helped, many more need help. They have made little complaint. Only a few have complained at all. Most of them are only waiting to go home. While they wait let us make their stay pleasant by sustaining them and by our prayers for them, thus giving gratitude to them for the work they have done.

W. W. Naylor,
R. N. Butler.

Remarks by M. W. Naylor.

Report adopted.

H. L. Hall reported as to stated sermons:

Introductory sermon—Rev. M. W. Naylor.

Missionary " " R. A. Hedgpeth.

Report adopted.

H. B. Howard read report on Home Missions.

HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is that department of our denominational work which has as its object the evangelization of the Southern states and Cuba.

There are five distinct fields of operation:

1. The native whites. Work among our own people is carried on mainly in the growing centres of population in the South; on the frontier and in the mountain region.

2. The foreigners who are pouring into our borders need the gospel. The Home Board is trying to evangelize them.

3. The Indians are a special care and we send missionaries among them.

4. The Negroes are around our doors and these are among those who are to be looked after

5. Cuba is an inviting field. Few places are so ripe for the preaching of Christ.

We need our sympathies enlisted in this work. Let us pray for its success and contribute more largely of our means to enter the field so ready and white unto harvest.

Remarks by B. W. Spilman.

Report adopted.

Committee on representation reported.

Southern Baptist Convention:—C. A. G. Thomas.
Alternate, J. A. Oates, Jr.

Baptist State Convention:—J. A. Oates, Jr.,
S. A. Howard,
J. O. Tew.

Eastern Association:—Rev. F. T. Wooton.
Bladen " " John Prevatte.
Cedar Creek, John B. Downing.
Little River, H. L. Hall.
Raleigh, Rev. Redin Honeycutt.

Report on colportage by R. Honeycutt.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Dear Brethren: This work is a good work if it is properly managed, for we ought to try to put into the hands and homes of all our people good biblical literature, by which they may be lead to the knowledge of the truth and be saved thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

R. HONEYCUTT,
L. W. AUTRY.

Remarks by O. P. Meeks, R. Honeycutt.

Report adopted.

On motion W. M. Page was requested by association to print his Thursday's sermon in North Carolina Baptist.

Treasurer's report was read. Auditing Committe reported same as correct.

Report adopted.

R. N. Butler brings to the attention of the association that $7.00 is still due on the pledge by delegates to the Baptist Female University.

Raised in cash, balance for this object.

J. A. Oates, Jr., elected member of State Mission Board.

Finance Committee's Report read and adopted by Association.

R. N. Butler presented resolutions of thanks to Spring Branch and community.

"The South River Association desires to return a vote of thanks to the people of Spring Branch and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association."

Association voted $10.00 for clerk and that remainder of Minute Fund be expended in printing and distributing Minutes.

Adjourned at 3 o'clock.

JOHN A. OATES, JR., Clerk.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Moderator.

REPORT OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Opened with prayer by President.

Song, "I gave my life for thee."

Bible readings by the following ladies: Miss Mary Strickland, Miss Georgia Wiliford, Mrs. Angus Bain, Miss J. A. Dawson and Mrs. J. W. Atkinson.

An explanation of purpose of meeting by President.

An extract from Miss Hicks' Annual Address at Louisville, in May, also her letter to our Association Meeting was read by Mrs S. A. Howard.

Prayer by Mrs. Bettie Howard.

Ten excuses for inaction in mission work, met by Scripture, by President.

A message for the new conventional year to Woman's Missionary Union Workers, from Miss Armstrong, read by Mrs. Bettie Howard.

Responsibility of not doing, by Miss Geneva Layton.

Words from Foreign Missionaries, by Miss Mary Autry.

Reading by Miss Hattie Culbreth.

Why does no one return to deny it? by Miss Mary Strickland.

A cry from Africa, read by Mrs. Bettie Howard.

Reports from the following societies were read:

Fayetteville W. M. Society, by Mrs. J. W. Atkinson.

Salem W. M. Society by Mrs. Bettie Howard.

Spring Branch W. M. Society by Mrs. O. D. Strickland.

Antioch W. M. Society by Mrs. Angus Bain.

White Oak W. M. Society sent in an interesting report, read by Mrs. O. D. Strickland.

Mrs. Bettie Howard, L. M. of Young Ladies Society of Salem Church spoke hopefully of their work.

The report of Central Committee to South River Association was read by Rev. R. H. Hedgpeth on the morning of the 2nd day.

The Vice President's report for the year was presented:

It requires much time and work to keep in close touch with all the societies. When I sum up the year's work I feel that I have accomplished a very small part of what I had hoped and planned to do. Still, when I pass in review before me all that

I have undertaken to do, or made an effort to do, I feel and realize that the work has been heavy and fraught with much responsibility. I try to trust God to lead me. "Where He leads me I will follow."

During the year 78 letters written, 5 different societies visited and 4 organized. During the year 10 societies have reported work as follows:

Fayetteville	$121 86
Salem	42 85
Y. L. Salem	1 30
White Oak	11 84
Spring Branch	8 61
Antioch	8 42
Union Grove	4 02
Autryville	2 06
Sunbeams, Autryville	3 37
Elizabeth	3 17
Clement	
Total	$207 49

In 1896, amount reported	$ 13 00
" 1897, " "	114 95
" 1898, " "	177 88

Ten of the pledge envelopes that were distributed at last association meeting have been filled and returned.

Collections for minute fund, 50 cents.

Vice President put the sending of boxes to frontier missionaries before the meeting.

Closed with prayer by Mrs. A. Bain.

Mrs. J. W. Atkinson,
President.

Mrs. S. A. Howard, Vice President,
Secretary (Pro tem.)

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Entitled 93—Present 47.

Antioch—Joel McCorquodale, A. Bain, G. W. Starling.
Autryville—by letter.
Baptist Chapel—A. A. Page, James Jackson,
Beulah—Handy McLamb, J. B. Young.
Browns—D. A. Bass.
Calvary—J. K. Hudson, James M. Johnson, W. O. Johnson.
Canaan—Bryant Elmore.
Centre—D. C. Matthews, H. S. Matthews.
Clement—J. L. Autry, J. F. Autry.
Concord—J. B. Jackson, J. B. Downing.
Elizabeth—by letter.
Evergreen—
Fayetteville—D. J. Breece, J. A. Oates, Jr.
Hickory Crove—
Long Branch—Z. V. Spell, L. W. Autry.
Macedonia—D. Strickland, M. H. Sessoms.
Magnolia—J. B. Bryant—
Mary s Chapel—
Mill Creek—John Horne.
Mount Elam—H. M. Tew, Wm. Strickland, W. R. Horne.
Oliver's Grove—J. A. Tyner, J. A. Fort.
Piney Green—Anderson Royal.
Pleasant Union—
Roseboro—
Rowan—by letter.
Royal's Chapel—Julius Holland, C. H. Butler (A.)
Salem—J. E. Cooper, Molton Royal, H. B. Howard.
Spring Branch—Joseph Naylor, John G. Williford, Ausley Giles.
Trinity—W. O. Lee, F. M. Hawley.
Union Grove—R. W. Howard, Amos Williams, H. Tew.
White Oak—W. A. Underwood, J. R. Butler.

GENERAL DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS.

Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.,
CHAS. E. TAYLOR, D. D., President.

The Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.,
J. B. BOONE, D. D., Manager.

Ministers' Relief Board, Durham, N. C.,
W. C. TYREE, D. D., President.

The Seminary, Louisville, Ky.,
E. Y. MULLINS, D. D., President.

Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.,
R. J. Willingham, D. D., Secretary.
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.,
F. H. Kerfoot, D. D., Secretary.
Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.,
J. M. Frost, D. D., Secretary.
State Mission Board, Raleigh, N. C.,
Rev. John E. White, Secretary.
State Sunday School Work, Raleigh, N. C.
Rev. B W. Spilman, Missionary.

J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., is Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, and money for any of the above objects may be sent to him or sent direct. Clerks of churches are urged to send off money as fast as collected, except Associational Missions, which should be sent up to the Unions and Association. Please keep a full record of all money sent off or spent for local church purposes and report same in Associational letter. It has proven best in most churches to divide the year up for the various objects, so as to have systematic giving. Something like the following is very good:

January—Foreign Missions.
March—Home Missions.
May—Ministerial Education.
July—Orphanage.
September—State Missions.
November—Ministerial Relief.

UNION MEETINGS.

These meetings are for the meeting of the Executive Board and the discussion of matters pertaining to the general welfare of the churches. Representation as follows:

The members of this Union shall consist of the Ministers, Deacons, Clerks of Churches, Sunday School Superintendents, Members of Executive Board, and three representatives from each church. This Union may invite members in good standing in their churches to participate in all its proceeding except tha of voting.

Churches are urged to send up to each Union all Associational Mission money on hand.

The meetings are held on the 5th Sunday and Friday and Saturday before. Should a 5th Sunday fall in October no meeting is held.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association

ART 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body to enforce an observacne of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committnces decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each Annual Session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9 The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

ART. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

ART. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a moderator pro tem shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the moderator or whomsoever he may name.
3. At each daily session and before proceeding to business the proceedings of the previous day shall be read.
4. The members shall preserve towards the officers, and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak, shall rise and address the moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.
7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered, then they shall be definitely stated by the moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.
9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the assembly without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.
14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Reports of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

STATE MISSIONS

Antioch	$ 3 00
Autryville	
Baptist Chapel	2 00
Beulah	50
Brown's	
Calvary	1 00
Canaan	40
Centre	1 00
Clement	2 00
Concord	1 00
Evergreen	
Fayetteville	15 00
Hickory Grove	
Long Branch	50
Macedonia	1 00
Magnolia	
Mary's Chapel	
Mill Creek	1 00
Mt. Elam	1 00
Oliver's Grove	1 00
Piney Green	
Pleasant Union	
Roseboro	
Rowan	
Royal's Chapel	
Salem	12 50
Spring Branch	5 00
Trinity	50
Union Grove	
White Oak	

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Antioch	$ 2 00
Autryville	5 74
Baptist Chapel	5 00
Beulah	1 00
Brown's	
Calvary	1 25
Canaan	1 00
Center	1 00
Clement	2 00
Concord	1 00
Elizabeth	55
Fayetteville	50 00
Long Branch	1 00
Macedonia	1 00
Magnolia	$ 3 00
Mary's Chapel	50
Mill Creek	3 00
Mt. Elam	1 00
Piney Green	2 00
Pleasant Union	2 00
Roseboro	1 00
Royal's Chapel	1 00
Salem	27 50
Spring Branch	15 00
Trinity	1 25
Union Grove	5 00
White Oak	3 00

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—ASKED FOR BY BOARD.

Antioch	$15 00
Autryville	10 00
Baptist Chapel	25 00
Beulah	15 00
Brown's	05 00
Calvary	05 00
Canaan	20 00
Centre	15 00
Clement	10 00
Concord	10 00
Elizabeth	10 00
Evergreen	03 00
Fayetteville	25 00
Hickory Grove	05 00
Long Branch	10 00
Macedonia	$10 00
Magnolia	10 00
Mary's Chapel	20 00
Mill Creek	10 00
Mt. Elam	10 00
Oliver's Grove	02 00
Piney Green	10 00
Pleasant Union	05 00
Roseboro	02 00
Rowan	06 00
Salem	25 00
Spring Branch	20 00
Trinity	05 00
Union Grove	10 00
White Oak	20 00

Sunday School Statistics.

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CHURCHES.	Schools.	Officers and Teach.	Total.	Expended	Open Months.	SUP TS.	POST OFFICES.
Antioch	51	7	58	$2 88	12	G W. Starling	Falcon.
Autryville	39	6	..	5 00	12	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	64	6	70	....	9	Bryant Hawley	Hawley's Store.
Beulah	36	6	42	3 00	8	H. F. Mobley	Benson.
Brown's	..	..	..	....	..		
Calvary	..	..	..	....	..	J. W. Johnson	McKoy.
Canaan	..	..	..	....	..	G. W. Naylor	Glenwood.
Center	82	6	88	7 00	9	D. C. Mathews	Clement.
Clement	107	5	112	5 65	9	J. L Autry	"
Concord	30	4	34	2 00	8	W. B. Horne	Autryville.
Elizabeth	40	5	45	5 00	8	H. H Edwards	Clinton.
Evergreen	30	3	33	3 00	6	Enoch Hall	Robin.
Fayetteville	305	33	338	102 00	12	J. A. Oates, Jr.	Fayetteville, 2 Branch Schools.
Hickory Crove	40	5	45	.....	6	W. E Herring	Blake.
Long Branch	93	6	99	.....	.	Troy Autry	Autryville.
Macedonia	40	3	43	.....	6	M. F. Starling	Cedar Creek.
Magnolia	54	5	59	.....	12	J. B. Bryant	Stedman.
Mary's Chapel	..	..	..	.....	..		
Mill Creek	42	5	47	.....	7	John Horne	Hives.
Mount Elam	107	8	115	3 00	12	L A. Jackson	Lydia.
Oliver's Grove	25	4	29	2 00	..	J. A. Fort	Four Oaks.
Piney Green	75	4	79	.....	..	G. T. McLamb,	Reaman's X Roads.
Pleasant Union	75	6	81	.....	..	R. M Royal,	Owenville.
Roseboro	..	..	..	.....	..		
Rowan	..	..	..	.....	..		
Royal's Chapel	25	5	30	2 50	7	E. H. Butler	Clinton.
Salem	150	9	159	16 27	12	A. F. Cooper	Salemburg.
Spring Branch	64	8	72	5 60	12	O. D Strickland	Giles' Mills.
Trinity	28	5	33	11 00	7	J. F. Lawhon	Mix.
Union Grove	77	5	82	4 80	8	R. W. Howard	Clement.
White Oak	63	11	74	.....	9	E. T. Turlington	Ora.

Membership Table.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Re'c'd by letter.	Restored	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total
Antioch	2	..	..	3	3	2	63	73	136
Autryville	..	..	..	2	..	..	23	34	57
Baptist Chapel	10	.	..	2	2	3	77	124	201
Beulah	2	1	..	..	..	1	6	11	17
Brown's	..	3	3	1	..	1	27	34	61
Calvary	.	..	..	..	..	..	13	20	33
Canaan	..	..	..	..	..	3	6	23	29
Center	2	7	1	..	1	..	33	33	66
Clement	1	3	..	5	1	1	46	55	101
Concord	..	1	1	3	14	2	35	103	138
Elizabeth	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	112	86
Evergreen	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	44	34
Fayetteville	10	17	2	14	1	6	99	203	302
Hickory Crove	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	40	64
Long Branch	..	..	1	1	1	2	51	70	121
Macedonia	1	..	..	..	2	..	21	44	65
Magnolia	6	2	..	..	..	..	38	71	109
Mary's Chapel	..	..	..	..	..	2	15	25	40
Mill Creek	..	..	..	2	..		27	34	61
Mount Elam	6	1	..	1	1	2	42	56	98
Oliver's Grove	1	..	..	..	1	..	8	8	16
Piney Green	..	3	1	7	2	2	41	103	144
Pleasant Union	4	..	..	.	..	1	50	40	90
Roseboro	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	8	18
Rowan	..	7	..	2	..	10	23	27	50
Royal's Chapel	1	3	..	1	3	..	16	21	37
Salem	..	6	2	5	..	.	85	105	190
Spring Branch	14	..	..	2	4	6	147	206	353
Trinity	6	..	1	..	..	1	16	23	39
Union Grove	2	..	..	..	11	..	31	36	67
White Oak	4	1	..	1	3	1	39	72	111

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FINANCIAL TABLE:

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions...	State Missions....	Asso. Missions ...	Minute Fund.....	Orphanage	Minister's Relief..	Education	Other Objects ...	Pastor's Salary...	Value Church Property..	Other Expenses...
Antioch........	$ 2 14	$ 1 55	$ 4 21	$11 05	$ 1 15	....	....	....	..	$62 20	$800 00	....
Autryville	7 57	75	2 00	1 70	40	....	....	...	....	50 00	600 00	....
Baptist Chapel..	4 56	2 25	....	6 25	1 35	9 65	2 20	....	....	100 00	300 00	....
Beulah	....	....	....	6 05	25	....	....	....	....	....	300 00	....
Brown's	....	1 00	....	55	60	....	....	....	....	25 00	100 00	....
Calvary.........	....	....	....	2 40	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	500 00	....
Canaan	....	....	....	75	85	....	....	....	....	6 50	300 00	....
Center	....	1 22	83	5 97	1 00	1 00	....	....	....	50 00	200 00	9 00
Clement	....	....	....	2 57	1 00	48	....	....	....	60 00	500 00	5 27
Concord	....	1 00	58	2 88	85	....	....	....	..	90 00	300 00	12 75
Elizabeth	....	....	....	3 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	300 00	....
Evergreen	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	200 00	....
Fayetteville	93 66	32 13	17 90	13 81	2 00	32 60	16 00	5 81	33 50	900 00	8000 00	123 00
Hickory Grove..	...	....	....	2 00	....	.. .	....	....	...	......	200 00	....
Long Branch ...	25	....	....	5 51	95	....	....	....	16 20	50 00	300 00	2 45
Macedonia......	....	77	90	2 33	60	70	....	....	....	50 00	1000 00	....
Magnolia	2 00	1 54	1 45	8 50	1 20	1 19	...	....	3 20	50 00	300 00	9 50
Mary's Chapel ..	....	....	....	1 25	....	....	....	....	....	....	150 00	....
Mill Creek	....	....	..	3 85	1 00	2 15	...	....	....	40 00	300 00	....
Mount Elam	....	....	..	9 23	1 00	....	....	....	....	40 00	300 00	....
Oliver's Grove..	15	30	....	2 90	80	....	....	..	....	15 00	300 00	....
Piney Green	....	6 85	....	11 95	30	....	....	....	....	60 00	300 00	4 50
Pleasant Union.	2 00	....	1 10	3 09	50	....	...	60	....	....	500 00	....
Roseboro	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	300 00	....
Rowan	....	....	2 00	2 60	...	25	....	....	....	....	200 00	....
Royal's Chapel..	1 20	....	....	3 33	50	88	....	....	....	25 00	200 00	....
Salem	28 89	3 51	12 85	18 58	1 30	14 80	5 50	....	....	125 00	150 00	....
Spring Branch..	15 39	11 30	10 00	12 00	2 83	17 67	1 00	....	72	80 00	400 00	33 65
Trinity	....	....	....	2 55	70	....	....	....	....	5 95	200 00	....
Union Grove....	1 00	....	....	4 70	80	....	...	...	....	....	125 00	....
White Oak......	1 61	....	2 17	12 00	1 00	6 51	8 09	44	....	75 00	300 00	....

Missionary and public collections........ $16 40

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.	TIME.
Antioch	O. P. Meeks	Clinton	H. L. Hall	Falcon	3rd Sunday and day before.
Autryville	C. M. McIntosh	Clement	F I. McKenzie	Autryville	2nd and 4th Sunday.
Baptist Chapel.	R. A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	Bryant Hawley	Hawley's Store.	4th Sunday and day before.
Beulah	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	J. B. Young	Benson.	4th Sunday and day before.
Brown's	T. B Hall	Dismal	D A. Bass	Keener	4th Sunday and day before.
Calvary	A. N. Campbell	Buie's Creek	Marshal Lee	McKoy	3rd Sunday and day before.
Canaan	H. J. Duncan (Sup.)	Ora	Mrs J. T. Hudson.	Glenwood	3rd Sunday.
Centre	R. A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	H. S Matthews	Cornelia	1st Sunday and day before.
Clement	"	"	W. B Mathis	Clement	4th Sunday and day before.
Concord.	"	"	J. B. Jackson	Autryville	3rd Sunday and day before.
Elizabeth	R. C. Sandlin	Clinton	H. H. Edwards	Clinton	4th Sunday and day before.
Evergreen	None		A. D. Bedsole	Robin	
Fayetteville	C. A. G. Thomas	Fayetteville	J. A. Oates, Jr	Fayetteville	Twice every Sunday.
Hickory Grove.			Jackson Strickland.	Blake	
Long Branch	T. B Hall	Dismal	H. I. Hall	Autryville	2nd Sunday and day before.
Macedonia	J. O Tew	Fayetteville	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn	4th Sunday and day before.
Magnolia	J. O. Tew	"	J. H Bryant	Stedman	3rd Sunday and day defore.
Mary's Chapel.	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	M. J. Bradshaw	Keener	
Mill Creek	O. P. Meeks	"	John Horne	Hives	2nd Sunday and day before.
Mt. Elam	T. B Hall	Dismal	T. D. Jackson	Lydia	3rd Sunday and day before.
Oliver's Grove.	N. H. Gibbs	Benson	J. A. Fort	Four Oaks	1st Sunday and day before.
Piney Green	W. M. Page	Falcon	H. G. Sessoms	Orange	4th Sunday and day before.
Pleasant Union	F. T Wooten	Salemburg	J. P. Sessoms	Hayne	1st Sunday and day before.
Roseboro	O. P. Meeks	Clinton	W. H. Howard	Roseboro	2nd Sunday.
Rowan	J. J. Douglass	Clinton	L. H. Best	Clinton	4th Snnday and day before.
Royal's Chapel.	F. T. Wooten	Salemburg	C. H. Butler	"	2nd Sunday and day before.
Salem	F. T. Wooten	"	A. F. Howard	Salemburg	1st Sunday and day before.
Spring Branch.	J. A. Campbell	Buie's Creek	D. M. Williford	Giles Mill	1st Sunday and day before.
Trinity	N. H. Gibbs	Benson	J. S. Lawhon	Rome	4th Sunday and day before.
Union Grove	John Prevatte	Salemburg	R. W. Howard	Clement	1st Sunday and day before.
White Oak	F. T. Wooten	"	J. R. Bntler	Ora	2nd Sunday and day before.

South River Baptist Association

1900

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

South River Baptist - Association

HELD WITH THE

Church at Macedonia,

Cumberland County, N. C.,

OCTOBER

24TH, 25TH, AND 26TH, 1900.

OFFICERS:

J. B. DOWNING, Moderator, Roslin, N. C.,
JOHN A. OATES, JR., Clerk, Fayetteville,
ROBT N. BUTLER, Treasurer, Clinton.

TIME OF MEETING.

Time—October 23rd, 24th, 25th, 1901.
Place—Pleasant Union Sampson County, N. C., Nearest R. R. Stations:
Autryville and Roseboro.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. S. J. Porter.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

✓ S. J. Porter,	Fayetteville,	Cumberland	County,	N. C.
✓ John O. Tew,	"	"	"	"
✓ J. M. Page,	Stedman,	"	"	"
✓ Wiley M. Page,	Falcon,	"	"	"
✓ W. G. Hall,	"	"	"	"
✓ J. W. Bell	Clinton,	Sampson	"	"
✓ Redin Honeycutt	"	"	"	"
✓ Wm. Bland	Hawley's store	"	"	"
✓ H. J. Duncan	Ora	"	"	"
✓ Thos. B. Hall,	Autryville,	"	"	"
✓ R. A. Hedgpeth,	"	"	"	"
✓ M. W. Naylor,	Giles Mill,	"	"	"
F. T. Wooten,	Salemburg,	"	"	"

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. A. Oates, Jr., Ch'm,	Fayetteville,	Cumberland Co.,		N. C.
Jno. B. Bryant,	Stedman,	"	"	"
Robert N. Butler,	Clinton,	Sampson	County,	N. C.
Whitney Royal,	"	"	"	"
John C. Williford	Giles Mill	"	"	"
Samuel A. Howard. Sec'y and Treas.,	Salemburg,	"		
W. B. Matthews,	Clement,	"	"	"

TRUSTEES—SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

J. L. Autry,
F. I. McKenzie,
E. T. Turlington,
J. B. Jackson,
D. J. Breece.
R. A. Hedgpeth
L. M. Cooper.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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9. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH,
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. C.,
Wednesday, October 24th, 1900.

The South River Association met in the 24th annual session according to invitation and appointment. The weather was warm and rainy. The attendance at opening was good. The Association was pleased with the nice, new house of worship.

Rev. M. W. Naylor, the appointee, preached the Introductory Sermon. Text: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."—Rom. 8:18.

At 12:30 the Association took a recess until 2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator J. B. Downing. After devotional exercises led by the Moderator, the Association was declared ready for business.

Roll of churches called. Seventeen represented by delegates. The Moderator appointed as Reading Clerks H. L. Hall and W. H. Powell; Finance Committee: J. A. Underwood and H. B. Howard.

Roll of churches called and letters read.

Massey Hill Church of Fayetteville applied for membership in the Association and was heartily received. This church was organized July 8th, 1900, in the church building erected by the Fayetteville church as a mission at the factory village one mile south of the city.

It being time for the election of officers, the following were chosen:

Moderator—John B. Downing by acclamation.
Clerk—John A. Oates, Jr., " "
Treasurer—Robert N. Butler " "

The Moderator invited to seats visiting and corresponding brethren. The following responded and were welcomed:

Rev. O. P. Meeks, from the Eastern.
S. J. Guy, from the Cedar Creek.
A. Overton, from the Cedar Creek.
Rev. W. R. Johnson, Corresponding Messenger from Cedar Creek.
F. R. Hall from the Little River.
Rev. J. M. Fleming, from the Robeson.

A precious responsive Bible Service was conducted by Rev. S. J. Porter.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—O. P. Meeks, J. M. Fleming.
Home and State Missions—S. J. Porter.
Sabbath Schools—O. D. Strickland.
Intemperance—E. J. Kennedy.
Orphanage—H. A. Cooper, J. W. Tomlinson.
Ministers' Relief—J. O. Tew. D. N. Carter.
Education—J. A. Oates, Jr.
Periodicals—W. H. Powell, R. N. Butler.
Colportage—J. M. Fleming. R. V. Hair.
Church Discipline—Redin Honeycutt.
Program—Officers of this church and W. R. Johnson.
Nominate Rxecutive Board—J. A. Dawson, H. L. Hall.
Trustees South River Baptist Institute—M. W. Naylor, J. A. Underwood.
Auditing Committee—H. L. Hall, M. H. Sessoms.
Obituaries—Whitney Royal.
Delegates to Other Bodies—J. O. Tew, Absalom Hall, J. B. Bryant.

Rev. J. O. Tew in a fervent address welcomed the Association. By request of the Moderator, Rev. S. J. Porter responded pleasantly to the welcome.

R. N. Butler announced himself for Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children.

John A. Oates, Jr., announced for North Carolina Baptist.

The Moderator announced the "Century Day" program for Thursday as follows:

10:00 A. M.—"Education During the Closing Century."
—Rev. F. T. Wooten.
11:00 A. M.—"Missionary Sermon."......Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.
2:00 P. M.—"A Century of Foreign Missions."
—Rev. O. P. Meeks.
3:00 P. M.—"Home and State Missions During the Century."
—Rev. John E. White.
4:00 P. M.—"Distinctive Baptist Principles."
—Rev. William Brunt.

The report was adopted.

E. J. Kennedy was appointed to conduct devotional exercises Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. J. Porter.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25TH MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises led by H. A. Cooper.

At 10 o'clock the business of the Association was taken up.

The minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

The roll of Messengers present on Wednesday was called.

The roll of unrepresented churches was called and letters read. Six presented letters.

The Moderator renewed invitation to visiting brethren. The following responded:

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, For Baptist Female University.

Rev. Frank M. Royal, from China. The Association welcomed him by a rising vote. New delegates were enrolled.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth read report from the Central Woman's Missionary Society of North Carolina to the Association.

Whitney Royal asked the Association, in whom the title rests for Mary's Chapel church property, that authority be granted for a removal of the property, to the church membership of Mary's Chapel. The authority was given to the church.

The Moderator took up the Century Programme.

In the absence of Rev. F. T. Wooten, the appointee to speak on education, the Association requested Rev. O. L Stringfield to speak.

The report on Education was read by John A. Oates, Jr.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is the cultivation of the talents planted in us by God. This drawing out of the inborn faculties is a duty, that the human mind, the human heart, the human body may be best fitted to perform the duties toward Him and toward humanity in the way marked out by God The times demand this cultivation. The people of God should be in the forefront in educating men and women. We should be leaders in this essential element in the uplifting of the race. We rejoice that the greatest activity in Education in America today is by Christ's people and under the direction of Christ's churches.

Baptists are leaders in this work. During the past ten years we have done more than any other people. Throughout the whole country we are alive to the great value of education, essentially Christian. In North Carolina we are proud of our achievements and extremely hopeful of our possibilities. Wake Forest is keeping pace with the growing needs of advanced education. But she needs a greater endowment. This must come, and will come. The Baptist Female University—young, vigorous, efficient, is our joy. The institution is now hampered by a $40,000 debt. Brethren, we want you to have a further part in this first work in an institution which is to bless the State and advance the Baptist cause through the years

We would also call attention to the new department of the Orphanage—the Mills Memorial building—for teaching trades to the fatherless ones. You may not send your boy or girl to college, but God may send that child to the Orphanage. We would ask every church in the Association to take a collection for this memorial to the father of the Orphanage work in North Carolina.

Brethren, educate. Your houses and barns and cattle and acres are transient. The cultured mind abides. The Spirit of

God working as Master through fitted and prepared faculties, is the hope of the world.

JOHN A OATES, JR.

Remarks by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. Collection taken for Baptist Female University; pledges $65, cash $10.25. (See table of pledges.)

By request of Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, the appointee, the Association requested Rev. Frank M. Royal to preach the Missionary sermon at 1 p. m.

Association adjourned until 1 p. m.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1 o'clock. Rev. F. M. Royal spoke on his missionary work in China and the life and manners of the Chinese.

A collection of $10.01 was taken for Bro. Royal.

The committee to nominate Executive Board reported through H. L Hall. the following:

John A. Oates, Jr., Robert N. Butler, S. A. Howard, John C. Williford, John B. Bryant, W. B. Matthews, Whitney Royal.

The report was adopted.

Rev. O. P. Meeks read the report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The glorious setting of the closing century betokens the bright rising of the twentieth era whose morning rays already tinge the eastern sky, and we rejoice in the splendid achievements of our foreign missionaries whose holy zeal bears the Gospel light throughout the world. God has also blessed us Baptists with marvelous growth and prosperity.

Therefore, our obligation to carry the Gospel to heathen and papal lands is increased many fold, and calls for outlay of money and effort commensurate with our vast opportunity.

O. P. MEEKS,
J. M. FLEMING.

Remarks were made by Rev. O. P. Meeks on "A century of Baptist Foreign Missions."

Pledges were taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $209,50. (See table of pledges).

The Moderator announced as committee to nominate preachers for next session: Jordan Sessoms. Duncan Matthews.

Combined report on Home and State Missions read by Rev. S. J. Porter.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS

The growth of population, the increase of industries, the development of resources, the building up of new towns and cities, all emphasize the importance of increasing our energies and efforts in giving the Gospel to our people in the Southern States. Our Home Mission Board and the Mission Boards of the several States are endeavoring to supply the need and destitution. Our own State Board, aided by the Home Board, is struggling heroically to supply the demands for the Gospel in North Carolina. The churches of our Association are urged to increase their pledges to both the Home and State Boards.

COMMITTEE.

Remarks by Rev. S. J. Porter on "Home and State Missions During the Century" and by Rev. F. M. Royal.

Pledges taken for State Missions by S. J. Porter amounting to $84.00 and for Home Missions amounting ao $91.50.

The Moderator called names of churches unrepresented and letters were presented.

W. H. Powell read the report on Periodicals. Report adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee appointed on Periodicals beg to submit the following :

We realize the sad fact that our country is being flooded daily with corrupt literature not fit to enter our homes, and beg all to beware of such ; but we come to you and cheerfully recommend the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and as our Sunday School Periodicals, those published by our Southern Baptist Convention, and we do most heartily recommend the North Carolina Baptist to every home as the best $1.00 paper in the South.

W. H. POWELL, } Committee.
ROBT. N. BUTLER }

Rev. J. M. Fleming read the report on Colportage.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The work of Colportage is destined to be an auxiliary in the development of missions; to furnish and distribute good and wholesome literature among our people for their enlightenment; to disseminate the fundamental principles of the Bible doctrine; to combat error with truth; ignorance with intelligence; and to interest the uninterested in the great cause our our dear Lord.

Since 1865 the American Baptist Publication Society has contributed no little to this great cause. Hundreds of Bibles and Testaments have gone into homes through this system of work. Besides, thousands of tracts and booklets full of the gospel, pure and simple, have done great work to the upbuilding of the Baptist denomination. Also, the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., stands as a powerful factor in the cause. It has helped largely, and stands with open hands to this stupendous work.

We, your committee, in the name of Jesus, ask that our people become more thoroughly awakened to this work, as it is of such absolute importance.

"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion" is a divine command, and when God speaks we should listen and respond.

Respectfully submitted,

L. V. Hair,
J. M. Fleming.

Report adopted after brief remarks by Bro Fleming.

Rev. M. W. Navlor read report on Trustees of Associational School.

REPORT ON SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Your committee beg leave to report the following names for Trustees of the Associational School: J. L. Autry, E. T. Turlington, R. A. Hedgpeth, F. L. McKenzie, J. B. Jackson, L. M. Cooper, D. J. Breece.

M. W. Naylor,
J. A. Underwood,
Committee.

Report adopted without discussion.

The Moderator appointed H. L. Hall to conduct devotional services Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. F. M. Royal.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH—MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. W. R. Johnson.

At 9:50 the business of the Association was taken up. Minutes were read and approved. List of delegates called and absentees noted Roll of unrepresented churches called. None responded. Invitation renewed to visiting brethren. The following responded:

Alex. Thaggard, from Cedar Creek Association.
John Sessoms, " " "

H. L. Hall read report of Treasurer of Executive Board and report of Treasurer of Association. (See tables.)

Same received and adopted.

R. N. Butler made appropriate remarks on absence of messengers.

John A. Oates, Jr., read report of Executive Board for closing year and recommendations of new Board.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The year just closed has been a bad one in many respects on Christian work. The distracting influences of politics have kept the minds of the people drawn away from the weightier matters pertaining to eternal life. We notice that the number of baptisms reported in our churches is much less than in

1899. This is true of the self-supporting churches more than the mission churches. Brethren, let us keep constantly before us the fact that the chief concern of Christ's churches is the salvation of souls.

Financially the churches are on the up grade. We are pleased to notice the increasing interest in missions. This betokens an inner development in the churches.

During the past year the Board has assisted in preaching the Gospel at Beulah, Canaan, Hickory Grove, Mary's Chapel, Oliver's Grove, Roseboro and Trinity. We have maintained preaching at two mission points near Newton Grove.

During the year we have expended the following:

Rev. R. Honeycutt, for Beulah, Mary's Chapel, Parker's School House and Beaver Dam School House	$122 93
" N. H. Gibbs, Oliver's Grove and Trinity	24 00
" W. G. Hall, Beulah, Canaan, Hickory Grove	67 88
" O. P. Meeks, Roseboro	12 00
" J. T. Albritton, expenses	45
J. A. Oates, Jr., for printing	75
Total	$228 01

For receipts from the churches and at public collections please see the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board, which shows the amount received at the Union Meetings and the Treasurer of the Association for the amount received at the Associational meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(See Pledge table for recommendations.)

Remarks by H. L. Hall, Rev. W. R. Johnson, Rev. R. Honeycutt, Whitney Royal, J. B. Downing.

Report and recommendations of Board adopted.

The Moderator announced that the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society would be held at this hour in the school house near by.

H. L. Hall read report on Sunday-schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Christ commanded His disciples while here on earth to study and teach His word. The same applies to us as disciples and followers of Christ. The Sunday School is the greatest factor in which this work can be done. Christ himself was a great teacher. The greatest agency under the Church in training the minds and hearts of the young and in winning precious souls to Christ is the Sunday School work. Now, brethren, this being so, it is our Christian duty to have a good lively Sunday School in every church, and open twelve months in the year. Let us labor, work and pray that we may establish Sunday Schools in reach of every person in this Association and everywhere else we possibly can, for the progress of the grand

Sunday School work. Also, every Baptist Sunday School should have a Baptist superintendent, Baptist teachers and Baptist literature. May God bless us to be more earnest in this work.

Respectfully submitted, HENRY COOPER,
O. D. STRICKLAND.

Remarks by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth. Report adopted.

Rev. R. Honeycutt read the report on Church Discipline:

REPORT ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

A Baptist church is the building of Christ composed of truly baptized believers in Him and have in charge His work, and who are to be separated from all other people—(2 Cor. 6:17). Not only from drunkards and covetous persons, who are idolatrous persons, but also from idlers and heretics—(2 Tim 3:10, also Rom. 12:11). Strict Biblical discipline is the life of the Church and tends to preserve that unity of heart and soul as existed in her in the days of her youth—(2 Acts 4:32). Let us see to it, brethren, that we withdraw ourselves from every brother who walketh disorderly and not according to the doctrine which we have received and as required of us in 2 Thes. 3:6.

Respectfully submitted, R. HONEYCUTT

Report adopted.

The Association proceeded to locate the next session at Pleasant Union Church on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1901.

The Committee on Stated Sermons reported:
Introductory Sermon—Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. S. J. Porter.

E J. Kennedy read the report on Intemperance:

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

We are commanded to be temperate in all things, but at this day intemperance is taken to mean the use of strong drink to excess. This use of intoxicants is the greatest evil of the day and is enslaving the brightest of our young men, some of whom are members of our churches to-day. Brethren, there is no stronger foe for us to fight than that of intemperance; therefore, be it resolved

1st. That we, the members of South River Association, do all in our power for the suppression of the liquor traffic until absolute prohibition rule in our land

2nd. That no one shall be kept in the fellowship of our churches who is in the habit of becoming intoxicated, and urge upon all to not only be temperate but tetotalers

E J. KENNEDY

Remarks by E. J. Kennedy, J. A. Oates, Jr., J. B Downing.

Association adjourned until one o'clock. Dismissed by Rev. R. Honeycutt.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at one o'clock. On motion of R. N. Butler the Association returned a vote of thanks to the church and community for their kind hospitality.

The South River Association desires to return a vote of thanks to the people of Macedonia and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association. Remarks by E J. Kennedy and J. B. Downing.

John B. Bryant made report of committee on messengers.

REPORT ON MESSENGERS.

Your committee submit the following report.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: S. J. Porter; Alternate: S. A. Howard

Baptist State Convention: R A. Hedgpeth, H. L. Hall and R. N. Butler.

Corresponding messengers to the different associations: Little River: D. J. Breece and W. H. Powell. Eastern: A. F. Howard and Reden Honeycutt. Cedar Creek: J. B. Downing and E. J. Kennedy. Raleigh: O. D Strickland and J. L. Autry.

Respectfully submitted, Committee

The Moderator is given authority to appoint additional ones. Report adopted.

E. J. Kennedy, by request, read the report on the Orpanage.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphanage at Thomasville is the pride of our people and the flower of our denominational work. It is beautifully situated in one of the healthiest sections of the state, where the air is bracing, the water pure and the scenery attractive During the year ending July, 228 orphans found refuge in this home. Besides enjoying the comforts of home life the orphans also receive superior school advantages which they greatly appreciate and improve. Rev. C. A. G. Thomas is pastor of the Orphanage church, where the children worship The Mills Memorial Building is approaching completion, but there must be additional contributions before the building will be ready for occupancy. We urge all our churches to contribute to the completion of this much needed building, and to increase their regular contributions to the support of the Orphanage, thus enabling the management to receive and care for the many helpless children who are begging for admittance. Every Sunday-school ought to take a club of *Charity and Children*, which will inform and interest the children and others in this great institution so signally blessed by our heavenly father. Remarks by E. J Kennedy, R. N. Butler, S A Howard, John A. Oates, Jr., Rev. W. R. Johnson. Collection taken amounting to $5 00. Report adopted.

Whitney Royal read report on Obituaries.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Dear Brethren, since our last Association 31 of our dear brethren and sisters have gone to their long homes to meet with us no more on this earth, and before another year rolls around some more of us will be gone. Brethren let us be ready to meet our God when he calls us; let us watch and pray until he comes.
Respectfully submitted,
WHITNEY ROYAL.

Report adopted.

On motion the Moderator appointed R. N. Butler, H. L. Hall and John B. Downing an Obituary committee to report at next Association.

D. N. Carter read report on Minister's Relief.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF.

Dear Brethren, we have a large number of aged and worn out ministers who are dependent on the Relief Board for support; the Board is dependent on the churches for the means. We as Baptists should do all we could for the relief of these dear brethren, who have toiled so long for the Master, in our state, while they are waiting by the river; they will soon cross over. Let us make their sojourn pleasant by our contribution to their support.
J. O. TEW,
D. N. CARTER.

Remarks by Rev. W. R. Johnson. Report adopted.

Report of Finance Committee by H. B. Howard for committee. Report adopted. (See Tables.) On motion the clerk is voted $10 00 for his services and the remainder of the minute fund be used for printing and distributing the minutes. Minutes of Friday read and approved. On motion the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

JOHN A. OATES, JR.,
Clerk.

JOHN B. DOWNING,
Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each Annual Session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship

with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

ART. 13 The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a moderator pro tem shall be elected.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the moderator or whomsoever he may name.
3. At each daily session and before proceeding to business the proceedings of the previous day shall be read.
4. The members shall preserve towards the officers, and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.
7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered, then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.
9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.
10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the assembly without the permission of the Association; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.
12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.
13. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.
14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

GENERAL DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS.

Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.,
CHAS. E. TAYLOR, D. D., President.
Baptist Female University, Raleigh, N. C.,
R. T. VANN, D D., President.
The Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.,
J. B. BOONE, D. D., Manager.
Ministers' Relief Board, Durham, N. C.,
W. C. TYREE, D. D., President.
The Seminary, Louisville, Ky.,
E. Y. MULLINS, D. D., President.
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.,
R. J. WILLINGHAM, D. D., Secretary.
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.,
F. H. KERFOOT, D. D., Secretary.
Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.,
J. M. FROST, D. D., Secretary.
State Mission Board, Raleigh, N. C.,
REV. JOHN E. WHITE, Secretary.
State Sunday School Work, Raleigh. N. C.
REV. B. W. SPILMAN, Missionary.

J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C., is Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, and money for any of the above objects may be sent to him or sent direct. Clerks of churches are urged to send off money as fast as collected, except Associational Missions, which should be sent up to the Unions and Association. *Please keep a full record of all money sent off or spent for local church purposes and report same in Associational letter.* It has proven best in most churches to divide the year up for the various objects, so as to have systematic giving. Something like the following is very good :

January—Foreign Missions. March—Home Missions.
May—Ministerial Education. July—Orphanage.
September—State Missions. November—Ministerial Relief.

UNION MEETINGS.

These meetings are for the meeting of the Executive Board and the discussion of matters pertaining to the general welfare of the churches. Representation as follows :

The members of this Union shall consist of the Ministers, Deacons, Clerks of Churches, Sunday School Superintendents, Members of Executive Board and three representatives from each church. This Union may invite members in good standing in their churches to participate in all its proceedings except that of voting.

Churches are urged to send up to each Union all Associational Mission money on hand.

The meetings are held on the 5th Sunday and Friday and Saturday before. Should a 5th Sunday fall in October no meeting is held.

LIST OF DELEGATES: ENTITLED 96—PRESENT 46.

Antioch—H. L. Hall, w; J. McCorquodale, w; J. M. Starling, w
Autryville—E. V. Cooper, t. a.
Baptist Chapel—C. M. Hall, w.
Beulah—
Browns—
Calvary—W. D. Johnson, t.
Canaan—B. Elmore, w.
Centre—Duncan Matthis, t.
Clement—W. B. Matthews, w; I. D. Williams, w.
Concord—L. V. Hair, w; J. B. Downing, w; Absalom Hall, t.
Elizabeth—
Evergreen—A D. Bedsole, t; W. K. Carty, t.
Fayetteville—J. W. Tomlinson, w; E. J. Kennedy, w; W. H. Powell, w. a.
Hickory Grove—
Long Branch—H. I. Hall, t a; Jasper Horne, t a.
Macedonia—W. J.B. Hall, w; M. H. Sessoms, w; D. N. Carter, w
Magnolia—W. T. Fisher, w.
Mary's Chapel—
Massey Hill—J. O. Tew, w a; Isaac McGee, t a;
Mill Creek—J. E Horne, w; F. H. Horne, w.
Mount Elam—J. D. McLamb, w.
Oliver's Grove—By letter.
Piney Green—H. G Sessoms, w; I. T. McLamb, t.
Pleasant Union—Jordan Sessoms, t; Badger Simpson, t a; E. S. Howard, t a.
Roseboro—By letter.
Rowan—
Royal's Chapel—Whitney Royal, w.
Salem—H. B. Howard, w a.
Spring Branch—M. W. Naylor, w; Autry Baggett, w. a; J. A. Dawson, w a.
Trinity—J. S Lawhon, w; F. M. Hawley, w.
Union Grove—Amos Williams, w a; O. T. Williams, w a; R. W. Howard, w. a
White Oak—J. A. Underwood, w. E S. Herring. t.

NOTE:—The Constitution requires that absentees be noted. The following marks used above indicate:
W—First enrolled on Wednesday.
T— " " " Thursday.
A—Absent without leave ef Association.

REPORT OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONAY SOCIETIES.

The report of the Central Committee to the South River Association was read on the morning of the second day by R. A Hedgpeth.

On the third day at half-past 10 a. m. the Women's meeting was held in the school house of the church yard.

While the house was full of the ladies in attendance at the Association, yet the societies were poorly represented. We were glad to welcome visitors from the Cedar Creek Association. We appreciated the interest they showed in our work. The Mrs and Misses Thagard opened with singing. Silent prayer, followed with prayer by Vice-President. Bible reading by Vice President.

Reports from the following societies were read :

Fayetteville, by Miss Sessoms ; Salem, by Mrs. S. A. Howard ; White Oak, by Miss Annie Butler ; Spring Branch, by Mrs R A. Hedgpeth ; Antioch, by Miss Floy White.

We regret that Mrs. B F. Beasley, representative from Fayetteville, also Mrs. E. T. Turlington from White Oak, could not remain over for our meeting, which was changed on account of Thursday being "New Century Day" in the Association.

The following questions were asked and answered :

"How shall we double our membership this year ?" "Fix way to make a missionary meeting interesting ?" "How to meet the responsibility of training the children for missions ?"

' Our ideal a Woman's Missionary Society in every church and every woman a member, an earnest member," emphasized. Also to request our pastors to make the prayer-meeting in each month in our churches missionary in subject and spirit.

Only four Societies have planned for the support of a native teacher as yet.

"How bravely and nobly our native Christians in China have faced persecution and death,"—by Vice-President.

"Seven reasons why I should be a member of the Woman's Missionary Society,"—read by Miss Thagard.

Recitation - "Why didn't You Tell Us Sooner,"—by Miss Floy White.

"A report of this year's Associational work and hopes for the future,"—by Vice-President.

"The Touchstone of Spirituality,"—by Vice-President.

Closed with prayer.

During the year two Societies were organized at Mill Creek and Pleasant Union Churches.

A fifth Sunday meeting was held in April with Mill Creek Society.

Mrs. S. A. Howard, Vice-President.

Miss Floy White, Secretary (pro tem).

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF SOCIETIES IN THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION FROM SEPT. 1, 1899, TO AUG. 31, 1900.

NAME OF SOCIETIES.	State Missions	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Total.
Fayetteville	$15 00	$16 96	$110 00	$141 96
Salem	6 60	15 61	35 05	57 26
Spring Branch	5 41	2 70	2 70	10 81
White Oak	5 14	6 71	4 96	18 01
Mill Creek	55	2 46	....	3 01
Clement	......	2 86	....	2 86
Elizabeth	60	.....	.....	60
Y. L. Salem	35	......	....	35
Antioch	4 00	8 38	7 05	19 43
Union Grove	......	61	....	61
Pleasant Union	......	......	....	....
Grand total				$254 90

No Societies in Association, 10; No. Societies organized 2.

MRS. S. A. HOWARD

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM OCTOBER, 1899, TO OCTOBER, 1900.

To balance on hand October 20, 1899	$59 64
Received during the year at various meetings:	
White Oak	7 96
Beulah	4 58
Roseboro	1 59
Salem	14 02
Mount Elam	7 15
Evergreen	1 47
Macedonia	2 29
Long Branch	5 25
Spring Branch	12 12
Royal's Chapel	4 21
Elizabeth	4 93
Union Grove	3 77
R. Honeycutt	1 82
Antioch	7 74
Center	3 97
Mill Creek	2 64
Magnolia	9 17
Piney Green	6 07
Pleasant Union	60
Trinity	2 59
Oliver's Grove	1 00
Autryville	1 00
Calvary	3 99
Baptist Chapel	2 63
Concord	1 23
Canaan	1 75
Hickory Grove	2 30
Mary's Chapel	1 66
Brown's	55
Public collections	19 75
Received from Finance Committee October 24, 1900	28 57
Total	$228 01

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Paid Rev. R. Honeycutt	$122 93
" N. H. Gibbs	24 00
" W G. Hall	67 88
" O. P. Meeks	12 00
" J. A. Oates for printing	75
" J. J. Albritton's expenses to Mill Creek	45
Total	$228 01

Audited and found correct.

H. L. HALL and M. H. SESSOMS Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report of Robt. N. Butler, Treasurer South River Association

from October 20th, 1899, to October 24th, 1900

DR.

Received from Finance Committee 1899 :

Minute fund	$ 24 53
Associational Missions	84 22
State Missions	19 08
Home Missions	5 78
Foreign Missions	13 80
Orphanage	10 00
Ministers' Relief Fund	1 00
Education	60
Collection for Baptist Female University	10 00
Collection for Associational Missions	5 58
S. A. Howard, Associational Missions	1 42

Received from the churches during the year :

Salem Church Ministers' Relief Fund	1 70
" " Education	2 02
" " Foreign Missions	6 00
" " Home Missions	1 28
Pleasant Union Foreign Missions.	50
" " Orphanage	3 00
Union Grove Foreign Missions	2 10
Royal Chapel Home Missions	75
Spring Branch for Autryville school	1 00
O. D. Strickland for Autryville school	1 00
Elizabeth Church Home Missions	1 41
Magnolia Church Foreign Missions	1 50
" " Home Missions	1 36
" " State Missions	1 49
Clement Church Foreign Missions	1 52
Collection Union Meeting in April for For. Mis'ns.	2 21
White Oak State Missions, sundry times	3 29
" " Ministers' Relief Fund	1 57
" " Home Missions	95
" " Orphanage, sundry times	6 32
" " Sunday-school State Missions.	54
" " Home Missions	73
Total	$218 25
To balance on hand	2 01
Grand total	$220 26

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J. A. Oates, minute fund	$ 24 53
Treasurer Baptist State Convention, sundry times	71 32
Orphanage, sundry times	18 55
W. Royal, Associational Missions	91 62
R A. Hedgpeth, Autryville school	2 00
Baptist Female University	10 00
Money order fees and postage	23
Total	$218 25
By balance on hand	2 01
Grand total	$220 26

Robt. N. Butler, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct

H. L. Hall,
M. H. Sessoms } Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

(October 26th, 1900, Covering Associational Meeting 1900.)

Dr.

Received from the Finance Committee:	
State Missions	$ 17 13
Home Missions	8 88
Foreign Missions	33 77
Education	1 55
Ministers' Relief Fund	3 75
Orphanage	13 50
Minute Fund	30 00
Associational Missions	100 54
Sunday Schools	1 00
Collection Baptist Female University	10 25
Collection Gospel Missions	10 01
Total.-	$230 38
To cash on hand from last year	2 01
Grand total	$232 39

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J. A. Oates, minute fund	$30 00
Rev. F. M. Royal, Gospel Missions	10 01
Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Baptist Female University	10 25
W. Royal, Associational Missions	28 57
Total	$78 83

Robt. N. Butler, Treasurer.

The funds above shown for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Ministers' Relief Fund, Orphanage and Sunday Schools will be forwarded at once to J. D Boushall, Treasurer. The balance of $71 97 for Associational Missions is on hand at the call of the Executive Committee.

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Baptist Female University	Associational Missions.
Antioch	$ 5 00	$ 2 00	$ 6 00	$ 5 00	$17 50
Autryville	5 00	2 50	3 00	5 00	10 00
Baptist Capel	7 50	5 00	5 00	10 00	22 50
Beulah	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	20 00
Brown's	......	......	......	......	5 00
Calvary	1 00	......	1 00	1 00	5 00
Canaan	2 00	1 00	1 00	......	25 00
Centre	1 00	2 00	1 00	......	15 00
Clement	2 00	......	......	1 00	15 00
Concord	2 00	1 00	......	1 00	12 50
Elizabeth	......	......	......	......	7 50
Evergreen	......	......	1 00	1 00	3 00
Fayetteville	100 00	25 00	15 00	25 00	40 00
Hickory Grove	.....	1 00	1 00	......	35 00
Long Branch	2 00	......	......	......	12 50
Macedonia	2 00	......	1 00	100	10 00
Magnolia	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	12 00
Mary's Chapel	2 00	1 00	1 00	......	20 00
Massey Hill	.....	2 00	3 00	......	7 50
Mill Creek	......	......	1 00	.....	6 00
Mt. Elam	2 00	1 00	......	1 00	12 00
Oliver's Grove	......	......	......	......	3 00
Piney Green	5 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	12 50
Pleasant Union	2 00	......	......	......	6 00
Roseboro	2 00	......	1 00	...	2 00
Rowan	.....	......	......	......	5 00
Royal's Chapel	2 00	1 00	1 00	......	30 00
Salem	25 00	25 00	25 00	5 00	25 00
Spring Branch	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	30 00
Trinity	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
Union Grove	5 00	......	......	......	12 50
White Oak	5 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	25 00

NOTE.—The pledges for Baptist Female University are payable January 1st, 1901, and if not paid sooner the money may be sent to the Union at White Oak.

The other pledges should be collected as soon as possible and forwarded as shown on page of "Denominational objects."

The amounts for Associational Missions are asked for by the Executive Board, and it is hoped *every* church will raise the full amount.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS;	P. O.	CLERK.	P. O	TIME OF MEETING
Antioch	O. P. Meeks	Clinton	H. L. Hall	Falcon	3rd Sabbath and day before
Autryville	R. A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	1st Sunday.
Baptist Chapel	" "	"	Bryant Hawley	Hawley's St	4th Sunday and day before.
Beulah	W. G Hall	Falcon	J. B Young	Benson	4th Sunday and day before.
Brown's	T. B Hall	Autryville	D A. Bass	Keener	4th Sunday and day before.
Calvary	A. N. Campbell	Buies Creek	Marshall Lee	McKoy	3rd Sunday and day before.
Canaan	J M. Fleming	McKoy	Mrs J T Hudson	Glenwood	3rd Sunday and day before.
Centre	R A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	H. S Matthews	Cornelia	1st Sunday and day before.
Clement	" "	"	WB Matthews, jr	Clement	4th Sunday and day before.
Concord	" "	"	J B Jackson	Autryville	3rd Sunday and day before.
Elizabeth	J. J. Adams	Clinton	S. B Stevens	Clinton	4th Sunday and day before.
Evergreen	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	A. D. Bedsole	Clay Fork	2nd Sunday and day before.
Fayetteville	S J Porter	Fayetteville	J. A. Oates, Jr	Fayetteville	Twice every Sunday.
Hickory Grove	W. G. Hall	Falcon	J. Strickland	Blake	4th Sunday and day before.
Long Branch	T. B. Hall	Autryville	H. I Hall	Autryville	2nd Sunday and day before.
Macedonia	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhon	4th Sunday and day before.
Magnolia	"	Fayetteville	J. H. Bryant	Stedman	3rd Sunday and day before.
Mary's Chapel	R Honeycutt	Clinton	M. J. Brsdshaw	Keener	2nd Sunday and day before.
Massey Hill	R W. Horrell	St. Paul	O Blackburn	Fayetteville	2nd and 4th Sundays.
Mill Creek	O P. Meeks	Clinton	John Horne	Hives	2nd Sunday and day before.
Mt. Elam	W. M. Page	Falcon	T D. Jackson,	Lydia	3rd Sunday and day before.
Oliver's Grove	N H. Gibbs	Benson	B Holmes	Four Oaks	1st Sunday and day before.
Piney Green	W. M. Page	Falcon	H. G. Sessoms	Orange	4th Sunday and day before.
Pleasant Union	F. T. Wooten	Salemburg	J P. Sessoms	Hayne	1st Sunday and day before.
Roseboro	O. P. Meeks	Clinton	Uriah Sessoms	Roseboro	2nd Sunday.
Rowan			L. H. Best	Clinton	4th Sunday.
Royal's Chapel	J. J. Adams	Clinton	C. H. Butler	Clinton	4th Sunday and day before.
Salem	F. T Wooten	Salemburg	A. F. Howard	Salemburg	2nd Sunday and day before.
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Buies Creek	D. M. Williford	Giles' Mill	1st Sunday and day before.
Trinity	N. H. Gibbs	Benson	J S Lawhon	Rome	4th Sunday and day before.
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Falcon	R W. Howard	Salemburg	1st Sunday and day before.
White Oak	O. P. Meeks	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Ora	1st Sunday and day before.

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MEMBERSHIP TABLE

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antioch	5	1	2	1	4	3	56	79	135
Autryville	4	2	.	2	5	1	19	34	53
Baptist Chapel	3	..	..	2	1	4	74	124	198
Beulah	2	..	..	..	3	..	4	12	16
*Brown's	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	34	61
Calvary	..	1	..	..	..	..	13	21	34
Canaan	..	..	..	1	..	2	5	21	26
Centre	1	3	..	..	..	..	34	35	69
Clement	4	3	..	4	..	2	46	57	103
Concord	3	1	1	4	5	..	30	100	130
Elizabeth	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	40	77
Evergreen	..	1	..	..	..	1	16	18	34
Fayetteville	1	15	5	36	6	5	79	191	270
*Hickory Grove	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	40	64
Long Branch	2	..	1	2	3	2	49	70	119
Macedonia	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	44	65
Magnolia	6	..	..	4	2	1	34	75	109
Massey Hill	..	4	..	1	..	..	15	18	33
*Mary's Chapel	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	25	40
Mill Creek	..	1	..	4	1	..	22	30	52
Mt. Elam	..	1	1	..	2	..	44	56	100
Oliver's Grove	7	2	..	1	1	1	9	14	23
Piney Green	..	4	1	6	1	2	44	102	146
Pleasant Union	..	..	..	..	1	2	46	48	94
Roseboro	..	3	..	2	..	..	9	4	13
*Rowan	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	27	50
Royal's Chapel	..	3	..	..	1	..	15	13	38
Salem	9	..	..	4	..	2	80	100	180
Spring Branch	..	1	..	2	16	2	114	160	274
Trinity	1	..	.	..	..	..	15	23	38
Union Grove	2	2	..	..	1	..	31	38	69
White Oak	..	7	..	1	..	2	41	75	116
Total	50	55	11	77	53	33	1091	1728	2819

*Taken from Minutes of 1899.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Mssions.	State Missions	Associational Missions.	Minute Fund.	Orphanage.	Minister's Relief.	Education.	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary.	Other Church Expenses.	S. S. Contributions and Expenses.	Value Church Property.	Foreign
Antioch	$11 10	$ 9 14	$ 7 00	$10 67	$1 25				$18 95	$75 00	$81 00	$15 40	$ 875 00	
Autryville	1 94	72	1 39	2 87	1 00	$ 77				100 00		3 00	600 00	$ 1
Baptist Chapel	5 00	2 00	5 06	7 30	3 00	4 30				100 00	5 00	5 00	300 00	1
Beulah	1 00	50		6 58	25	50								
Brown's				55										
Calvary	1 00		50	4 49	1 05								500 00	1
Canaan	1 00			3 09		50							300 00	
Centre	2 00	91	70	5 37	1 35	1 49				60 00		5 74	200 00	
Clement	2 98	69	1 44	1 60	1 00	1 75				60 00		3 25	500 00	
Concord	52	60	2 05	3 33	1 75	1 03			3 25	80 00			250 00	
Elizabeth		1 41		7 06	70		25	55					300 00	
Evergreen			10	1 47	1 25								200 00	
Fayetteville	71 08	72 41	19 22	25 00	2 00	25 93		5 50	45 56	790 00	115 70	135 32	8000 00	12
Hickory Grove				2 30										
Long Branch			50	10 50	1 00				7 15	50 00			200 00	
Macedonia	1 00	1 00		4 54	75					50 00	85 00	2 00	1000 00	
Magnolia	3 00	1 36		10 98	1 15	1 40			1 65	50 00	33 40	4 70	500 00	
Mary's Chapel				1 66										
Massey Hill	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00				30 00		1
Mill Creek	2 00	1 00	50	4 64		50				40 00		2 50	300 00	
Mt. Elam	1 00			9 85	1 00				10 00	35 00		11 70	300 00	
Oliver's Grove			1 00	3 00	1 00	50	50			11 96			450 00	
Piney Green				9 07	1 00				3 14	50 00			300 00	
Pleasant Union	1 50			2 85	50	3 00							500 00	1
Roseboro				3 59						22 00	1 00	3 80	350 00	
Rowan														
Royal's Chapel		75		4 21		1 00	1 00		3 95			2 50		
Salem	21 61	31 11	11 90	14 02	1 00	11 31	1 70	2 02		125 00		16 25	400 00	2
Spring Branch	22 70	12 70	5 00	27 65	2 50	21 07	2 00	2 00		115 00	26 14	4 50	400 00	12
Trinity	1 00	50	50	7 29	80	50				11 30			200 00	1
Union Grove	2 10			4 77	1 00							9 10	125 00	
White Oak	1 58	1 68	3 29	14 21	1 45	6 32	1 57	98		65 00		7 19	500 00	
Public Collections.				24 83	1 45	5 00								
Total			6/15	$240 34	30 00									$33

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SCHOOL TABLE

MONTHS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
.	G W Starling	Falcon.
2	Troy Autry	Autryville.
8	C M Hall	Orange
8	H F Mobley	Benson.
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.	C. B. Westbrook	McKoy
.	G W Naylor	Glenwood.
9	D C Mathews	Cornelia
2	J L Autry	Clement
.	R L Hall	
.	H. M Edwards	Clinton.
..	Enoch Hall	Robin
12	John A. Oates, Jr	Fayetteville.
..	W E Herring	Blake.
.	Troy Autry	Autryville.
..	David Strickland	Buckhon.
12	J. B Bryant	Stedman.
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12	O. Blackburn	Fayetteville.
9	M. M Sessoms	Roseboro.
9	E A Tew	Lydia
6	J. A. Tyner	Four Oaks.
..	H G. Sessoms	Orange
..	R M. Royal	Owenville.
12	R M. Royal	Owenville.
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..	C H Butler	Clinton.
.	J. J Hendron,	Salemburg.
12	O. D. Strickland	Giles' Mill
7	J. S Lawhon	Rome.
8	R. W Howard	Salemburg.
9	H J Duncan	Ora.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

South River Baptist - Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT PLEASANT UNION,

Sampson County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 23RD, 24TH, AND 25TH, 1901.

OFFICERS:

J. B. Downing, Moderator, Buckhorn, N. C.,
John A. Oates, Jr., Clerk, Fayetteville, N. C.,
Robt. N. Butler, Treasurer, Clinton, N. C.

Time of Meeting:

Time—October 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 1902.
Place—Calvary Church, Johnston County, N. C.; Nearest R. R. Station, Dunn, N. C
Introductory Sermon—Rev. S. J. Porter.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. J. Porter,	Fayetteville,	Cumberland	County,	N. C.
John O. Tew,	“	“	“	“
J. M. Page,	Stedman,	“	“	“
Wiley M. Page,	Falcon,	“	“	“
W. G. Hall,	“	“	“	“
J. W. Bell,	Clinton,	Sampson	“	“
Redin Honeycutt,	“	“	“	“
Wm. Bland,	Hawley's Store,	“	“	“
H. J. Duncan,	Ora,	“	“	“
Thos. B. Hall,	Autryville,	“	“	“
R. A. Hedgpeth,	“	“	“	“
M. W. Naylor,	Giles Mill,	“	“	“
J. M. Fleming,	McKay,	“	“	“

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. A. Oates, Jr., Chairman, Fayetteville, N. C.
John B. Bryant, Stedman, N. C.
Robert N. Butler, Clinton, N. C.
Robert M. Royal, Owensville, N. C.
John C. Williford, Giles Mill, N. C.
W. O. Gilbert, Blake, N. C.
Samuel A. Howard, Sec'y and Treas., Salemburg, N. C.

TRUSTEES—SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST INSTITTTE.

J. L. Autry, E. T. Turlington, R. A. Hedgpeth,
F. I. McKenzie, J. B. Jackson, L. M. Cooper,
D. J. Breece.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
9. Report of Committees.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pleasant Union Baptist Church,
Sampson County, N. C.,
Wednesday, October 23rd, 1901.

The South River Association met in its 25th annual session according to invitation and appointment. The weather was warm and fair. The attendance at the opening was unusually good.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, the appointee, preached the Introductory Sermon Text, "And preached Christ unto them." Acts 8:5.

At 12:10 the Association took a recess until 1:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator John B. Downing. After devotional exercises, led by the Moderator, the Association began regular business.

Roll of churches called and 22 responded.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth and R. L. Hall were appointed Reading Clerks.

D. J. Breece and E. S. Herring were appointed a Finance Committee.

Roll of churches called and letters read.

The time for the election of officers having arrived, the Moderator appoints as tellers :

For Moderator—Redin Honeycutt, D. J. Davis.
For Clerk—M. W. Naylor, T. B. Hall.
For Treasurer J. M. Fleming, W. A. Melvin.

The rules were suspended and the following elected :

Moderator—J. B. Downing.
Clerk—J. A. Oates, Jr.
Treasurer—R. N. Butler.

Moderator announced the following committees :

Foreign Missions R. A. Hedgpeth, J. C. Howard.
Home and State Missions—J. M. Fleming, B. Holland.
Sunday Schools—Henry Cooper, J. A. Dawson.

Orphanage—R. N. Butler, D. J. Davis
Education—F. I. McKenzie, W. O. Gilbert.
Ministers' Relief—M. W. Naylor, R. L. Hall.
Periodicals—J. M. Fleming, W. A. Melvin.
Nominate Executive Board—J. R. Cooper, D. J. Breece, F. H. Horn.
Religious Exercises—Deacons and pastor of Pleasant Union.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren. None responded.

On motion R. A. Hedgpeth, the Moderator and Clerk were appointed a Committee on Order of Business.

R. N. Butler announced himself as representative of Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: Religious exercises Thursday at 9:30 o'clock. Adopted.

On motion Association adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises led by E. T. Turlington.

At 10 o'clock the business of the Association was taken up.

Roll of delegates called and absentees noted.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of unrepresented churches called and letters read. One responded.

Invitation extended to visiting brethren. None responded.

Moderator announced the following committee:

Nominate Preachers and Messengers - E. T. Turlington, A. A. Page, C. B. Westbrook.

Program adopted as follows:

THURSDAY.

9:30—Devotional Exercises; 10:00—Miscellaneous Business; 10:30—Foreign Missions; 11:00—Orphanage; 11:30 Sermon. Adjournment.
1:30—Home and State Missions; 2:00—Report Executive Board; 3:00—Education; 3:30—Periodicals.

FRIDAY.

9:30—Devotional Exercises; 10:00—Miscellaneous Business; 10:30—Temperance; 11:00 -Sabbath Schools; 11:30—Ministers' Relief; 11:45 Report of Nominating Committee, of Treasurers, South River School, Obituaries, Auditing Committee, &c.

Bro. S. A. Howard being at Richmond at the bedside ot his sick wife, the Association sent the following telegram:

"Read Psalm 121. The Association is anxious for the best."

The committee to nominate the Executive Board reported J. A. Oates, S. A. Howard, J. C. Williford, R. N. Butler, Robert M. Royal, W. O. Gilbert, J. B. Bryant.

On motion a committee of three appointed to consider changing time of meeting—J. C. Williford, E. T. Turlington, J. W. Tomlinson.

On invitation the following visitors were welcomed —W. R. Johnson, Cedar Creek.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth read the report on Foreign Missions:

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT.

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R. A. Hedgpeth,
J. C. Howard.

Remarks by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, Rev. J. M. Fleming, Rev. W. R. Johnson. Pledges taken and report adopted.

Rev. J. M. Fleming read report on Orphanage:

Orphanage—R. N. Butler, D. J. Davis
Education—F. I. McKenzie, W. O. Gilbert.
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Rev. J. M. Fleming read report on Orphanage :

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Dear Brethren: The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville is the pride of North Carolina Baptists It is more than an orphanage. It is one of the very best schools in the State It is an institution in which every Baptist in the State should feel personally interested. The dear little ones whom a merciful Father has caused to be left in our charge are cared for and trained there. We may not understand why they are left fatherless aud motherless, but Paul the Apostle sums it up in Rom 11:33, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out."

ROBT N. BUTLER, } Committee.
D. J. DAVIS, }

Remarks by Rev. R. A Hedgpeth. J. B. Downing, Rev. J. M. Fleming, A. F. Howard. Collection taken omounting to $5.93.

The hour having arrived, Rev. J. M. Fleming preached the Missionary Sermon and Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth preached to a large overflow crowd in the grove.

Collection taken for Associational Missions amounting to $6.20.

Adjourned for dinner.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:30.

Moderator invited visiting brethren—R. D. Melvin responded from Dover Association, Va., and D. M. Melvin from the Bladen.

Moderator called unrepresented churches, and four responded.

Rev. J. M. Fleming read report on Home and State Missions.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—The Master said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem" (city missions), "and in all Judea" (State missions), "and in Samaria" (home missions), "and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (foreign missions). What we are in North Carolina as Baptists to-day is largely due to the work of State missions. Many of our strongest churches have been planted by the State Mission Board; many of our greatest preachers have been converted under the preaching of the missionaries employed by the Board. It pays to invest in State missions, for a continuous dividend is drawn not only by North Carolina, but by the foreign fields as well.

Home Missions yield a rich harvest of great material for the Master's vineyard. We always get back more than we give. The mountain section of our State, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and other sections are claiming our attention.

Respectfully submitted,

B. HOLLAND, } Committee.
J. M. FLEMING, }

Remarks by Rev. J. M. Fleming, J. A. Oates, Jr.

F. I. McKenzie read report on Education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

God has ordained that men shall be saved through the preaching of the gospel God calls men to preach the gospel This call means that ministers are separated from the ordinary, secular vocations of life The call of God is a necessity for a truly successful ministry; and with this call comes the duty of proper preparation on the part of the preacher for his work. The crying need of the times is education. We believe that a minister, to be able to accomplish the most good and crown his efforts with the greatest success, must be educated. Greater strides for education are being made now than ever before in the history of our country; our public and private schools, the great feeders of our higher institutions, are receiving special attention, and with Wake Forest College, the Baptist Female University and other Baptist colleges ready with open arms to welcome our young men and women, we heartily and earnestly recommend that our brethren throughout the Association urge young men and women to take a course of training at these institutions as the best preparation for life's work. Fifty years ago the Baptist ministry was laughed at and scoffed at for its ignorance, but to-day the Baptists are not only far in the lead, but in its ranks we find some of the most intellectual and broad-minded men of modern times. Brethren, let us foster these institutions by giving them our patronage, that our boys and girls may be abundantly able to intelligently direct the affairs of Church and State.

W. O. GILBERT, } Committee.
F. I. MCKENZIE, }

Remarks by R. A. Hedgpeth. Motion by him adopted that December and January be devoted to the work of raising money on the Century Fund. Report on Education adopted.

Rev. J. A. Dawson read report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, teaching is a command of our Lord and Master, and seems to be the fountain source of giving knowledge, it is therefore of the highest importance that we should teach. The Sunday School affords us the best opportunity for teaching; although we should teach in our homes, yet the Sunday School gives us larger opportunities for teaching and leading to Christ. The hope of the future of the Baptists largely depends upon the cultivation of the minds and hearts of the children. We should have Baptist superintendents, Baptist teachers, Baptist literature. Respectfully submitted,

J. A DAWSON, } Committee.
H. A. COOPER, }

Remarks by J. A Dawson, H. A. Cooper. Report adopted.

Letters received from two churches, making 29 represented by delegates and three by letter—being all.

Rev. J. M. Fleming read report on Periodicals.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren It is essential to health and happiness to have nutritious food, for all that we eat which doesn't add to our health certainly creates disease and weakens us. Our denominational papers serve as a powerful stimulus in building us up in sympathy and encouragement, and are thoroughly orthodox in doctrine. The Biblical Recorder is the organ and should be read more extensively. Every Baptist family should have the N C Baptist and Charity and Children and the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal.

W. A. Melvin, } Committee
J. M Fleming. }

Remarks by J. M. Fleming and J. A. Oates, Jr. Report adopted

Rev. T. B. Hall read program for Religious Exercises, M. W. Naylor to conduct Devotional Exercises.

Association adjourned at 3:45.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises led by Rev. W. M. Naylor.

Roll of messengers called and absentees noted.

Minutes read and approved.

Moderator announced Committee on Temperance :

J. A. Oates, R. A. Hedgpeth. J. B. Downing added by motion.

D. J. Breece makes report of Finance Committee. Received and adopted.

Report of Executive Board made.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Churches of the Association :

We come to render an account of our stewardship for the year just closed. The year has been a gracious one in the Association. It is not our province to take account of the work of local churches, yet we cannot help expressing our joy and gratitude at the general uplift among the Baptist people of the South River. There are a number of commodious churches being built in the place of old and insufficient ones. The giving of the substance of our people for the Lord's work is being systemized more and more. This year has witnessed a goodly harvest of the saved ones into the churches. Last year only 50 were baptized. This year 189 were baptized. We trust that in the matter of pastorates, that our churches will endeavor to form pastorates among themselves and settle pastors, wherever possible locating a pastor in their midst.

As to the particular work under our care we beg to report :

We employed Rev. J. M. Fleming for all his time at a salary of $450. We supplemented the salary of the pastors at Roseboro, Oliver's Grove and Trinity also. Bro. Fleming preached at Calvary, Beulah, Canaan, Mary's Chapel, Hickory Grove, Royal's Chapel and Canaan School House.

LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR.

Rev. J. M. Fleming, general missionary,	$450 00
Rev. N. H. Gibbs, at Oliver Grove and Trinity,	22 00
Rev. T. B. Hall, at Roseboro,	5 00
Rev. R. H. Gilbert, at Roseboro,	1 67
	$487 67

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1900,	$ 71 97
Public collections,	21 55
From the churches,	345 89
Other sources,	12 75
	$457 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

J. M. Fleming,	$428 49	
T. B. Hall,	5 00	
R. H. Gilbert,	1 67	
N. H. Gibbs,	22 00	
	$457 16	$457 16
Balance due Fleming,		$21 51

The year has been a hard one on our people, and we congratulate them on their loyalty and the splendid spirit of their giving. You have, as you note, a deficit of $21 51, and we trust that you will make it possible here to day for the New Board to enter the new year unhampered by a deficit.

Obediently,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Remarks by J. A. Oates, R. A. Hedgpeth. A collection was taken amounting to $21.51, covering the full deficit on the Board.

The next Association was located at Calvary Church in Johnston county and eight miles from Dunn.

Rev. J. M. Fleming read his report and spoke to the same.

Rev. M. W. Naylor read report on Ministers' Relief.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

Dear Brethren :—We have in North Carolina men who have bravely and faithfully preached Christ; they fought many disadvantages in planting the seed of Gospel truth. Their love for God and humanity was so great, and their impressions so urgent, that they went regardless of opposition and extreme weather, carrying the good news of Christ. These brethren are now old and infirm and need our sympathy. We urge that tho churches of our Association take at least one collection a year for this object.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. Naylor, } Committee.
R. L. Hall,

Remarks by Rev. M. W. Naylor, Wiley Stephens, J. A. Dawson. Report adopted.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth spoke on Systematic Giving, and on his motion a Committee on Sytematic Giving was appointed to report at at this session.
Motion adopted and the Moderator appointed R. A. Hedgpeth, J. M. Fleming, A. F. Howard. Report adopted.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth read report on Temperance.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would reiterate the spirit of the reports of previous years, that our people be temperate in their own lives in every way and that they give the full weight of their Christian lives toward the complete wiping out of the manufacture and sale of all kinds of drink that intoxicate and craze and damn.

R. A. Hedgpeth,
J. B. Downing,
J. A. Oates, Jr.

Remarks by several brethren. Report adopted.

On motion of J. A. Oates, D. J. Breece, J. B. Downing and H. L. Hall were appointed as a special committee to represent the South River Association and oppose the restoration of the saloons in Cumberland county at the election next year.

Report of Treasurer of Association having been audited and found correct, was received and adopted.

S. A. Howard, Treasurer of Executive Board, being necessarily absent, is permitted to print report in minutes.

Woman's Missionary Society is given leave to print report in minutes.

R. A. Hedgpeth reports scheme of work for the churches in Systematic Giving.

We, your Committee, recommend :

Thanksgiving Day—Orphanage.
Christmas—Ministers' Relief.
Each month in which Union is held collection for Associational Missions
January—Foreign Missions
March Home Missions.
May—Ministerial Education.
July Orphanage.
September - State Missions.
November—Ministerial Relief.

R. A. Hedgpeth,
J. M. Fleming,
A. F. Howard.
} Committee.

Committee on changing time of Association reported adversely.

Your committee to consider changing time of meeting of our Association recommend that the time of meeting be not changed.

Respectfully submitted,
E. T. Turlington,
J. C. Williford,
J. W. Tomlinson.

Adopted.

Committee on Messengers and Preachers reported.

Southern Baptist Convention—R. A. Hedgpeth.

Baptist State Convention—R. A. Hedgpeth, J. W. Tomlinson, J. M. Fleming, J. A. Oates, J. B. Downing.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

To Robeson Association—J. B. Downing, R. A. Hedgpeth.

To Eastern Association—Robert N. Butler.

To Cedar Creek Association—J. B. Downing.

To Little River Association Rev. R. Honeycutt.

To Bladen Association—John Horn

To Raleigh Association - J. M Johnson

Preach Introductory Sermon at next Association—S. J. Porter.

Missionary Sermon—R. A. Hedgpeth.

E. T. Turlington,
C B. Westbrook, } Committee.
A A. Page,

Report adopted.

On motion the Trustees of the South River School are continued for another year and are requested to report at the next Association the condition of the school and property and advise the Association as to the best course to pursue as to the school and property.

R. N. Butler read report on Obituaries.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

Number died during the year, 37. Prominent among them were:

Bryant Elmore, Canaan, Deacon. born Feb. 6, 1816, died May 1, 1901.

Marshall Lee, Calvary, Clerk, died Dec. 3, 1900.

William Faircloth, Concord, Deacon, died Sept. 6, 1901.

Micajah Horn, Concord, Deacon, born Sept. 7, 1819, died Dec. 8, 1900.

R. N. Butler,
J B. Downing, } Committee.

Report adopted.

O. Blackburn submitted vote of thanks.

Resolved, That thanks of this Association be most heartily tendered to this church and community for the hospitality shown in caring for this session of the body, and to the officers also for their work; and

Resolved, further, That our thanks be extended to the railroad authorities for the favors shown the delegates and visitors by them.

Respectfully,
OLIVER BLACKBURN.

Unanimously adopted.

Clerk allowed $10.00 as clerk.

Collection taken on Minute Fund.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion Association adjourned to meet at Calvary on Wednesday before 4th Sabbath in October, 1902

J. A. OATES, JR.,
Clerk.

J. B. DOWNING,
Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1 This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7 It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each Annual Session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART 8 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings

ART 10 Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship

with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Art. 12 The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Art, 14 By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session an Introductory and Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a moderator pro tem shall be elected.

2 Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the moderator or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session and before proceeding to business the proceedings of the previous day shall be read.

4. The members shall preserve towards the officers, and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6 No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered, then they shall be definitely stated by the moderator before discussion

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10 After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the assembly without the permission of the Association ; and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

GENERAL DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTS.

Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.,
CHAS. E. TAYLOR, D.D., President.
Baptist Female University, Raleigh, N. C.,
R. T. VANN, D.D., President.
The Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.,
J. B. BOONE, D.D., Manager.
Ministers' Relief Board, Durham, N. C.,
W. C. TYREE, D.D , President.
The Seminary, Louisville, Ky.,
E. Y. MULLINS, D.D. President.
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.,
R. J. WILLINGHAM, D.D., Secretary.
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.,
F. C. McCONNELL, D.D., Secretary.
Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.,
J. M. FROST, D.D., Secretary.
State Mission Board, Raleigh, N. C.,
REV. L. JOHNSON, Secretary.
State Sunday School Work, Raleigh, N. C ,
REV. T. NEILL JOHNSON, Missionary.

Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., is Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, and money for any of the above objects may be sent to him or sent direct. Clerks of churches are urged to send off money as fast as collected, except Associational Missions, which should be sent to the Unions and Association.

Please keep a full record of all money sent off or spent for local church purposes and report same in Associational letter.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—R. A. Bain, 1, 2, 3; G. W. Starling, 1, 2; D. M. Hall, 1, 2, 3.
Autryville—L M. Cooper, 2; E. V. Cooper.
Baptist Chapel—A. A Page, 1; J. T. Hair, 1, 2, 3.
Beulah—By Letter.
Brown's—D. B. Jordan, 1, 2.
Calvary—J. M. Johnson, 1, 2; C. B. Westbrook, 1, 2
Canaan—Rev. J. M. Flemming, 1, 2, 3.
Centre—By Letter.
Clement - W. P. Williams, 2
Concord—J. B. Downing, 1, 2, 3; D. J. Davis, 1, 2, 3: R. L. Hall, 1, 2
Elizabeth—W. B. Rich, 1, 2; Archie Lewis, 1, 2; H. H. Edwards, 2
Evergreen—W. K. Carty, 1, 2.
Fayetteville—D. J. Breece, 1, 2, 3; J. W. Tomlinson, 1, 2, 3; J A. Oates, Jr., 1, 2, 3

Hickory Grove—W. O Gilbert, 1, 2, 3; S. M. Weeks, 2, 3.
Long Branch—J. A. Hall, 2, 3; Jasper Horne, 2, 3; H. F. Hall, 2, 3
Macedonia—M. F. Starling, 1; J. A. Carter, 2.
Magnolia—W. A. Melvin, 1, 2, 3; W. H. Fisher, 2, 3.
Mary's Chapel—By Letter.
Massey Hill—Theron Blackburn, 1, 2, 3; A. R. Butler, 1, 2; O. Blackburn, 2.
Mill Creek—J. L. Bullard, 1, 2, 3; F. H. Horne, 1, 2, 3; J. G. Rayfield.
Mt. Elam—J. C. McLamb, 1, 2, 3; W. R. Warren, 1, 2; J. D. McLamb, 1, 2, 3.
Oliver's Grove—By Letter.
Piney Green—C. H. McLamb, 1, 2, 3.
Pleasant Union—M. W. Branch, 1, 2, 3; W. Tanner, 1, 2, 3; Pascal Lucas, 2, 3.
Roseboro—O S. Butler, 1, 2; W. S. Fisher, 2.
Rowan—By Letter.

NOTE—The figure 1 opposite a name means that the delegate answered to roll-call the first day; 2 the second day, and 3 the third day,

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of the South River Association held their annual meeting on the second day of the Association in the school house near the church

Opened with singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." Reading the sixth chapter of Romans by Mrs. Alma Turlington. Prayer, led by Mrs. Ann E White

Roll-call of Societies, and the following responded: Fayetteville, Salem, Spring Branch, White Oak, Pleasant Union, Mill Creek, Antioch, Autryville and Royal's Chapel.

Reading of the recommendations of the Central Committee, by Mrs. Pearl Hendren.

Letter from Miss Heck to the Societies of the Association, by Mrs. Fannie Turlington. Letter from Miss Heck as to how the Societies stand financially, by Mrs. Bettie White.

Singing "Nearer My God to Thee." Prayer, led by Mrs. F. I. McKenzie in behalf of our Vice-President, Mrs. S. A. Howard, who is seriously ill.

"How Shall We Train Children for Missions?" Answered by Mrs. McKenzie.

"What is the Best Thing in Our Society?" Answered by Mrs. Alma Turlington.

"How Shall We Plant a Missionary Society in Every Church?" Answered by Mrs. Alma Turlington.

"I Have Read of a Beautiful City," sung by Mrs. Tomlinson, of Fayetteville.

A call was made for the organization of new Societies, but no respone. During the year new Societies were formed at Massey Hill and Royal's Chapel, and one reorganized at Autryville.

Mrs. Alma Turlington, Vice-President (pro tem.)
Mrs Pearl Hendren, Secretary (pro tem).

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

(From Dec. 1, 1900—Aug. 31, 1901.)

SOCIETIES.	ALL OBJECTS.
Fayetteville	$106 17
Salem	20 96
White Oak	12 48
Antioch	15 93
Clement	1 85
Spring Branch	1 25
Mill Creek	1 86
Fayetteville, S B	6 15
Salem, S. B	23
Total	$166 88

No. Societies in Association, 12; organized, 2; reorganized, 1.

On account of the serious illness of the Vice-President, we cannot get an accurate report. We failed to find the report for the quarter ending Nov. 30, 1900, which is the first quarter of the Associational year. I think this explanation is due the Societies.

Mrs, Alma Turlington, Vice-President (pro tem).

REPORT OF TREASURER EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Oct. 24, 1900, to Oct. 25, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Received for Associational Missions	$477 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. M. Fleming	$450 00
" N. B. Gibbs	22 00
" T. H Hall	5 00
" R. H. Gilbert	1 67
Total	$477 67

S. A. Howard, Treasurer.

This includes the Associational Mission funds raised at Association 1901.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 24, 1900, to October 23, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$ 2 01
Received for Foreign Missions	64 95
" " Home Missions	17 81
" " State Missions	28 41
" " Associational Missions	71 97
" " Education	7 85
" " Orphanage	25 96
" " Minister's Relief	8 26
" " Sunday Schools	1 00
Total	$228 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid S. A. Howard, Treasurer Associational Missions	$ 71 97
" Treasurer Baptist State Convention	124 23
" Orphanage	25 96
" Buie's Creek Academy	3 12
" Baptist Female University	2 00
" Postage and Money Order Fees	94
Total	$228 22

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. Butler, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

J. W. Tomlinson.
R. W. Howard.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—ASSOCIATIONAL MISS'N PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Scholars.	Superintendents	P. O.	
Antioch........	44	G. W. Starling.	Falcon.	$12 50
Autryville......	93	L. M. Cooper ...	Autryville.	10 00
Baptist Chapel.	146	O. B. Tew......	Cooper.	15 00
Beulah..... ...	34	H. F. Mobley...	Benson.	10 00
Brown's........	35	J. C. Howard ...	Clinton.	3 00
Calvary........	40	C. B. Westbrook.	McKoy.	5 00
Canaan	....	....		20 00
Centre.........	115	W. R. Williams.	Cornelia	12 50
Clement........	105	J. T. Williams...	Clement.	12 50
Concord	41	W. B. Horne...	Autryville.	10 00
Elizabeth	54	H. H. Edwards.	Thomas.	7 50
Evergreen.	....	....		2 50
Fayetteville....	256	J. A Oates, Jr .	Fayetteville.	40 00
Hickory Grove.	40	W. F Jackson..	Blake.	5 00
Long Branch ..	64	T. L Hall.... .	Autryville.	10 00
Macedonia......	35	M. F Sturliag...	Buckhorn	7 50
Magaolia... ...	55	J. B. Bryant....	Stedman.	10 00
Massey Hill....	62	G. W. Wiggins .	Keener.	2 50
Mary's Chapel..	185	W. B Malloy ...	Fayetteville.	10 00
Mill Creek.......	62	John Horne.....	Hives.	3 00
Mt. Elam......	79	S. L. Jackson...	Lydia.	10 00
Oliver's Grove..	41	J. A Fort	Ezra	2 50
Piney Green...	86	C. H. McLamb..	Orange,	10 00
Pleasant Union.	114	R. M. Royal	Owenville.	5 00
Roseboro.......	45	R. M. Royal	"	15 00
Rowan..... ...	30	John Bishop ...	Clinton.	3 00
Royal's Chapel.	61	D. A. Honeycutt	"	5 00
Salem..........	135	J. J. Hendren...	Salembueg,	25 00
Spring Branch.	59	O. D. Strickland.	Giles' Mill.	30 00
Trinity	24	J. S. Lagwhon..	Rome.	2 50
Union Grove...	92	R. W. Howard..	Salemburg.	7 50
White Oak	104	R. M. Crumpler.	Clinton.	25 00

Associational S. S. Representative, H. A. Cooper, Salemburg, N. C. Estimated No. Scholars.

The above amounts were asked for by the Executive Board for next year's work and were adopted by the Association.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERK.	P. O.	TIME of MEETING
Antioch	O P. Meeks	Clinton	H. L Hall	Falcon	3rd Sunday.
Autryville	R. A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	F. I, McKenzie	Autryville	1st Sunday.
Baptist Chapel	"	"	O. B Tew	Cooper	2nd Sunday.
Beulah	J. M. Fleming	McKoy	J. B. Young	Benson	4th Sunday.
Brown's	T. B. Hall	Autryville	D. A. Bass	Keener	"
Calvary	J. M. Fleming	McKoy	T. J. Lee	McKoy	"
Canaan	"	"	Mrs J T Hudson	Glenwood	3rd Sunday.
Centre	R. A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	H. S Matthews	Cornelia	"
Clement	"	"	W B Matthews, jr	Clement	"
Concord	"	"	J. B. Jackson	Autryville	"
Elizabeth	R. C. Sandling	Clinton	J. B. Sessoms	Thomas	4th Sunday.
Evergreen	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	A. D. Bedsole	Clay Fork	2nd Sunday.
Fayetteville	S. J. Porter	Fayetteville	E. W. Nolly	Fayetteville	Twice every Sunday
Hickory Grove	J. M. Fleming	McKoy	J. R Strickland		1st Sunday.
Long Branch	J. O Tew	Fayetteville	A. C. Hall	Autryville	4th Sunday.
Macedonia	O. P. Meeks	Clinton	W. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn	"
Magnolia	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	J H. Bryant	Stedman	3rd Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	J. M Fleming	McKoy	W. J. Bradshaw	Keener	2nd Sunday.
Massey Hill	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	James Lee	Fayetteville.	"
Mill Creek	William Brunt	White Oak	John Horne	Hives	"
Mt. Elam	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	T. D Jackson	Lydia	3rd Sunday.
Oliver's Grove	N. H. Gibbs	Benson	J. A Fost	Ezra	1st Sunday.
Piney Green	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	H. G. Sessoms	Orange	4th Sunday.
Pleasant Union	T. B Hall	Autryville	Jordan Sessoms	Hayne	1st Sunday.
Roseboro	"	"	Uriah Sessoms	Roseboro	"
Rowan	C. T. Tew	Clinton	J. D Duncan	Clinton	"
Royal's Chapel	J. M. Fleming	McKoy	Whiney Royal	"	"
Salem			A. F. Howard	Salemburg	2nd Sunday.
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Buies Creek	D. M. Williford	Giles' Mill	1st Sunday.
Trinity	N. H. Gibbs	Benson	J. S. Lawhon	Rome	4th Sunday.
Union Grove			R. W. Howard	Salemburg	1st Sunday.
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Ora.	3rd Sunday.

South River Baptist Association

1902

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

South River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT CALVARY,

JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 22-24, 1902.

OFFICERS:

J. B. Downing, Moderator, - - Buckhorn, N. C.
John A. Oates, Clerk, - - - Fayetteville, N. C.
Robt. N. Butler, Treasurer, - - Clinton, N. C.

NEXT MEETING:

Time—October 21, 22, 23, 1903.
Place—Clement Church, Sampson County, N. C.; nearest R. R. Station, Wade or Autryville.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. M. Page.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. T. A. Hall.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

T. A. Hall,	Fayetteville,	Cumberland	County,	N. C.
S J. Porter,	"	"	"	"
John O. Tew,	"	"	"	"
Wiley M. Page,	Falcon,	"	"	"
J W. Bell	Clinton,	Sampson	"	"
Redin Honeycutt,	"	"	"	"
Wm Bland,	Hawley's Store	"	"	"
H. J. Duncan,	Ora,	"	"	"
Thos. B. Hall,	Dismal,	"	"	"
A. B. Stephens,	Autryville,	"	"	"
R. A. Hedgpeth,	"	"	"	"
M. W. Naylor,	Giles Mill,	"	"	"
J. M. Fleming,	Blake,	"	"	"

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. A. Oates, Chairman, Fayetteville, N. C.
John B. Bryant, Stedman, N. C.
Robert N. Butler, Clinton, N. C.
Robert M. Royal, Owenville, N. C.
John C. Williford, Giles Mill, N. C.
W. O. Gilbert, Blake, N. C.
Samuel A. Howard, Salemburg, N. C.

TRUSTEES—SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

J. L. Autry,
F. I. McKenzie,
E. T. Turlington,
J. B. Jackson,
D. J. Breece.
R. A. Hedgpeth,
L. M. Cooper,

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.,
Wednesday, October 22, 1902.

The South River Association met in its 26th annual session according to invitation and appointment The weather was pleasant and fair. The attendance at the opening was small.

Rev. R. W. Horrell of Massey Hill, Fayetteville, preached the Introductory sermon in the absence of Rev. S. J, Porter, the appointee: Text, Isaiah 61:1-2.

At 12:15 the Association took a recess for one hour.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 1:30 by Moderator John B. Downing. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. W M Page.

Roll of churches called and 18 responded.

Revs. R. W. Horrell and J. M. Fleming were appointed Reading Clerks.

J. W. Tomlinson and J C. Williford were appointed a Finance Committee.

Roll of churches called and letters read.

Request of Rowan church for letter to unite with Eastern Association tabled for action later in the session.

The following officers were elected:

Moderater—John B Downing, by acclamation.
Clerk—John A Oates, " "
Treasurer—Robert N Butler, " "

The old Executive Committee were re-elected by acclamation as follows:

J. A. Oates, J. B. Bryant, R. N. Butler, R. M, Royall, J. C. Williford, W O. Gilbert.

H. A. Cooper was elected assistant Moderator by acclamation.

Rev. J. L. Shinn, of Salemburg was presented to the Association and welcomed.

Rev. R. W. Horrell, of Fayetteville, was presented and welcomed.

Visiting brethren invited to seats in the body.

Rev. A. D. Hunter, representing the Educational Fund, and Rev. John Prevatte of the French Broad Association responded.

The Moderator announced the following committees.

Foreign Missions, J. L. Shinn, S. A. Howard.
Home and State Missions, J M. Fleming, John Prevatte.
Sunday Schools, Henry A. Cooper, K. L. Davis.
Orphanage, R. W. Horrell, R. N. Butler.
Education, A. D. Hunter, J. E. Cooper.
Ministers Relief, Redin Honeycutt, J. M. Boon.
Periodicals, W. O. Gilbert, H. M. Jackson.
Program, John A. Oates, J. M. Johnson.
Temperance, W. M. Page, Warren Johnson.
Auditing Committee, W. A. Underwood, R. M. Royal.
Nominate Messengers and Preachers, S. A. Howard, Angus Bain, Haywood Johnson.
Obituaries, R. N. Butler, H. A. Cooper.

R. N. Butler announced himself for Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children.

Rev. J. L. Shinn announced himself for Foreign Mission Journal.

J. A Oates announced himself for North Carolina Baptist.

Rowan church was granted a letter to unite with Eastern Association.

The next session of the Association was located at Clement church.

Rev. R. W. Horrell stated that a committee was appointed at the Cedar Creek Association to confer with a like committee from the South River Association to counsel together as to the advisability of forming a Cumberland County Association.

On motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint such committee.

Association adjourned at 3:30 to meet again at 9;30 Thursday morning.

Dismissed by Rev. A D. Hunter.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. John Prevatte.

At 10 o'clock the business of the Association was taken up.

Roll of delegates called and absentees noted.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of unrepresented churches called and letters read. Three responded.

Invitation to visiting brethren renewed. Rev T. Neil Johnson of the Sunday School Board responded.

The following program was adopted:

THURSDAY.

9:30—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—Miscellaneous Business.
10:30—Education.
11:15—Periodicals.
11:30—Missionary Sermon.

RECESS.

1:30—Miscellaneous Business.
1;45—Ministers' Relief.
2:00—Home and State Missions.
2:30—Temperance.
3:00—Foreign Missions.
3:30—Obituaries.
Adjournment.

FRIDAY.

9:30—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—Miscellaneous Business.
10:15—Report of Executive Board.
10:45 Sunday Schools.
11:15—Orphanage.

It was moved that the committee with discretionary powers to be named by the Moderator to meet with the Cedar Creek Association committee relative to a new Association be instructed to lay before the Conference committee for discussion, and report the advisability of uniting the two Associations. Adopted unanimously after discussion.

Report on Education read by Rev. A. D. Hunter.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

The constantly growing interest in education in N. C., should be a matter of profound gratitude. It should be all the more so to us as Baptists, as such a large part of our population are either Baptists or under our influence. Our own people, especially by the aid of the Biblical Recorder, have taken the lead in demanding of our law makers an enlarged appropriation to our public schools. Much of our strength and influence as a denomination in N. C., has been and is due to our work in Christian Education.

Besides a great many high schools, our colleges for males and females are a blessing to our people. Wake Forest has a history going back for sixty-eight years. Eternity alone can fully reveal the great good done to our state, our nation and especially to our own denomination by this college. As said by Dr. Vann, "Surely God intends that His people shall take control of the thought of the world; and turn that thought in the ways of righteousness." Christian Education has to do right along this line. The Century education work of which our Baptist Female University is a big part is the one special effort of our Baptist people this year. The $42,000 due on this school must be paid to place the school so it can go on with its great work. This school is the leader of female education in our state. It has a faculty of 17 women and 5 men. Its course of study is almost exactly the same as that of Wake Forest College. This school stands for Christian womanhood in N. C.; and is to be to our young women what Wake Forest is to our young men. We are to do this work in recognition of God's blessings on us in the past, Let us be sure that each church and member shall do our best in this great work.

A. D. HUNTER,
J. E. COOPER.

Remarks by Rev. A. D. Hunter. Pledges taken. Report adopted.

Rev. J. L Shinn read letter from Miss Fannie Heck of the Woman's Missionary Societies. Announcement made of meeting of Woman's Missionary meeting at 2 o'clock.

Bro. J. S. Farmer of Biblical Recorder, welcomed to a seat.

Report on Periodicals read as follows:

REPO T ON PERIODICALS.

Recognizing the great value of good religious literature, we earnestly commend to our people the Biblical Recorder North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field. Our work is furthered and our people developed by these papers. We urge our people to read more and thus be led to do more. A Baptist home without a Baptist paper is not a Baptist stronghold.

Submitted,
W. O. GILBERT,
H. M. JACKSON,

Discussed by J. S. Farmer, A. D. Hunter, J. A. Oates, J L. Shinn. Report adopted.

Recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:30.

Roll of unrepresented churches called, and six responded.

The Association named the following as the committee to meet the committee from the Cedar Creek Assoc. citaion: J. H. Squires, R N Butler, H A Cooper, J. B Bryant, J. A. Oates.

Rev. Redin Honeycutt read report on Minister's Relief.

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF.

We have in North Carolina men, who in the days of their ability, ceased not to preach and teach the unsearchable riches of Christ regardless of all the opposition, reproach, sufferings and discouragement that confronted them, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Now they are old and infirm and truly deserve and need onr sympathy and we again urge that the churches of this Association take at least one collection a year for this object.

Respectfully submitted,
R. HONEYCUTT;
J. M. BOON.

Discussed by Rev. R. W. Horrell, W. M. Page and others Report adopted.

Rev. J M. Fleming read the report on Home and State Missions.

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

We praise God for our increasing membership which shows the Baptists far ahead of any other religious body in the state. North Carolina is in the ascendency having her work so systematicaly divided into Mountain, Middle and Eastern sections or fields. Surely it has been ably supervised and well thought out. Much of the Eastern section has not yet been Evan elized. We need in this field God called men, true and faithful, to sow gospel seed. The dire necessity of the middle section of the state is organization. Large numbers are found gathering to the factories and we need missionaries among them in order that they be organized into service else they may drift away and therefore be lost to us. They must be gathered into our churches and Sunday schools. In the great western section we have the preachers and the people, and they need to know that to be a christian means more than regeneration; and to be a preacher means more than to rise up and say, "I am called to preach." Already the mountain section is making rapid strides towards success educationally, and we must send the missionaries there to train them for effectual service in order to carry out the great work Christ would have them do. Our own Association is putting forth strenuous efforts towards the development of her people, and beyond a doubt there are no people of nobler purpose or truer to their convictions. We believe in the Doctrine of Missions as the Lord has given commandment, and He says, "If ye love me keep my commandments." We are proud of our wonderful achievements, but we must remember that what we are today as a Baptist people is due to the untiring efforts of those pioneer missionaries 250 years ago, who believed in "lifting up their eyes and looking on the fields already white unto harvest. They believed that in reaping wages would be received and fruit would be gathered unto eternal life; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.' They sowed and we are reaping. Blessed thought! Christ's commands never get old, and those verses in the 4th chapter of John are still in force. Brethren, let's advance at least 25 per cent. By God's help, say, "We will." The Home Mission Board takes up the work where the State Mission Board terminates and carries the work beyond the limits of our own state into the western states and territories. and this department of our mission work is in a prosperous and healthy condition. The Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., is a powerful factor in both, Home and State Missions. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the work in both departments of the work.

Respectiully,
J. M. FLEMING,
JOHN PREVATTE.

Discussed by T. Neil Johnson and others. Pledges taken for Home and State Missions Material advance.

Report on Temperance read by Rev. John Prevatte.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would reiterate the spirit of the reports of previous years, that our people be temperate in their own lives in every way and that they give the full weight of their christian lives toward the complete wiping out of the manufacture and sale of all kinds of drink that intoxicate, craze and damn.

W. M. PAGE, } Committee.
WARREN JOHNSON }

Discussed by John A. Oates and adopted.

The Association adopted the following resolution unanimously:

"Resolved that this Association expects every voting Baptist in Cumberland county who belongs to this Association to vote for Prohibition at the election on November 4th 1902."

Adjourned till 7 o'clock this evening to have Missionary sermon.

Dismissed by Rev. R. W. Horrell.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Association met at 7 o'clock and heard Missionary sermon by Rev. J. S. Farmer.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by T. Neil Johnson Roll of Messengers called and absentees noted

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of unrepresented churches called and one responded by letter

Rev. J. L. Shinn read report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

First—Facts About the Work.

Missionaries on the field 126; native helpers 171—total 297. There are in the South River Association 32 churches; of these 22 report contributions to Foreign missions; 10 report nothing. Total membership 2,961. Amount paid to this object $179.34. Average per member, about 6 cents.

Second—Why Foreign Missions?

(1) Because God commands it: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

(2) Because God loves all people: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

(3) Because no man can be saved without the Gospel: "For by grace are ye saved through faith."—Eph. 2:8. "And how shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent."—Rom. 10:14-15. "Neither is their salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

Third—A Plan Suggested.

(1) Every church is hereby asked to make a pledge to this object.

(2) A committee, of one from each church, be appointed at this meeting, to take this work in hand, and to aid the pastor in gathering and giving information about the work.

(3) Every pastor is urgently requested to inform himself as to this department of our work and give this information to his churches.

(4) Every member is urged to contribute "as the Lord hath prospered him."

(5) The months of April and September are set apart as Foreign mission months.

Respectfully,

J. L. Shinn,
S. A. Howard.

Discussed by J. L Shinn. Pledges taken and advance made. Report adopted.

Rev. R. W. Horrell read report on Orphanage.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville is an Institution which should command the attention of every Baptist in North Carolina. It is at present the home of about 213 children. By the 1st of July 1903 the manager expects the number to reach 300. This is made possible by the erection of a new dormitory building by Bro. J. A. Durham of Charlotte, in memory of his mother.

The increased capacity of the home is a call to the Baptist people for enlarged contributions for the support of those for whom shelter has been provided.

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. Butler,
R. W. Horrell.

Discussed by R. W. Horrell and others. Collection taken amounting to $4.95. Report adopted.

Committee to nominate messengers report:

Introductory Sermon—W. M. Page.

Missionary Sermon - T A. Hall.

" " Alternate—J. M. Fleming.

To S. B. Convention—John A. Oates.

To Baptist State Convention J. M. Fleming, R. W. Horrell, C B. Westbrook.

To Cedar Creek Association J. B. Downing.

To Eastern Association—R. N. Butler.

To Little River Association J. C. Williford.

To Raleigh Association—Haywood Johnson.

Adopted.

S. A. Howard,
Angus Bain,
Haywood Johnson.

Report of Executive Committee read:

Rev. J. M. Fleming, Missionary read his report. Adopted by rising vote.

H. A. Cooper read report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Christ said to his disciples go ye therefore and teach all nations, etc. The little word go means a great deal. It means work for the Master. The great object of the Sunday school is to teach the Bible, and we believe the S. S. to be a great power for good in training the minds and hearts of the people. We find parents, young people and children that take no interest in S. S. work. Let us try in some way to reach them so that all will be engaged in the grand cause. We find some of our churches that have no S. S. at all. Brethren, let us devise some plan in which to have S. S. in every church the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. Cooper,
K. L. Davis.

Discussed by T. Neil Johnson, R. W. Horrell, Henry Cooper and others. Report adopted.

T. Neil Johnson read greeting from S. S. Convention. Greeting received and request granted.

Association sends fraternal greetings through J. L. Shinn to S. S Convention.

Report of Obituary Committee made by H. A. Cooper.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

Number died during the Associational year 31. Among them were John Wrench, Baptist Chapel, deacon. Alvin Royal, Royal's Chapel, deacon.

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. BUTLER,
H. A. COOPER.

Report adopted.

Union Meeting program read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer of Association read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer of Executive Board read and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee adopted.

Collection to make minute Fund $30.00.

Vote of thanks extended to Calvary church and community,

We extend to Calvary Church and the people of the community a hearty vote of thanks for their kind hospitality in caring so well for us during this session.

JOHN A. OATES.

Clerk allowed $10 for services and to spend $20 in printing and distributing minutes.

Minutes read and approved.

On Motion the Association adjourned to meet at Clement Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October 1903.

Concluding exercises led by Rev. John Prevatte.

J. A. OATES,
Clerk‘

J. B. DOWNING,
Moderator.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of the South River Association held their annual meeting on the second day of the association in the parlor of Mrs. Lizzie Lee.

On request of the President, Rev. J. L. Shinn opened the meeting, first by reading a part of Matt. 16, after which he led in prayer.

The President, Vice-President and Secretary being absent, new officers were elected pro tem, which were as follows: Mrs. Belle Bain, President; Miss Lula Williford, Secretary. Letter from our Vice-President read by Miss Geneva Cooper.

Roll call of the Societies and the following reported: Salem, White Oak, Antioch and Spring Branch.

Letter from Miss Fannie Heck read by Miss Hawkins Johnson.

A call for organization of new Societies, but no response.

Prayer led by Mrs. Bain for our Vice-President, Mrs. S. A. Howard.

World Wide Mission Work—A tract read by Miss Lula Layton.

A Measure of Love—A tract read by Miss Nancy Westbrook.

Closed by a song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" followed by a prayer led by Mrs. Bain.

MRS. BELLE BAIN,
President (pro tem.)
MISS LULA WILLIFORD,
Secretary (pro tem.)

South River Sunday School Convention.

The South River Sunday School Convention met with Salem church September 18th, 1902 Convention Sermon preached by Rev. J. M. Fleming; Address of Welcome and Response by A F. Howard, J. A. Oates. Organized by electing H. A. Cooper, Moderator; A. F. Howard, Clerk; Robert N. Butler, Treasurer. There were fine addresses, full of food for soul and mind, made by the following brethren upon various subjects: J. M. Fleming, J. A. Oates, J L. Stewart; T. Neil Johnson, J. M. Page, T. B. Hall. The brethren who conducted the Prayer and Praise Service added much to the spirituality of the Convention. The music, led by John E. Howard, was fine. An impetus was given to the Sunday School work by this Convention that will be felt in the years to come. Next meeting will be on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1903. Place to be named by the Commmittee.

H A. Cooper,
Moderator.

A. F. Howard,
Clerk

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE. 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART 3. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in this Association.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statemunt of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until there successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideraiion after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each Annual Session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

ART 10 Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 11 The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

ART. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

ART. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session an Introductory and Missionary sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1 On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a moderator pro tem shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises, to be conducted by the moderator or whomsoever he may name.

3. At each daily session and before proceeding to business the proceedings of the previous day shall be read

4. The members shall preserve towards the officers, and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalties.

6, No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission.

7. All motions shall receive a second before being considered, then they shall be definitely stated by the moderator before discussion.

8 No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9 When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10 After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11 No member shall absent himself during the session of the assembly without the permission of the Association; and if

any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12 All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. The Association shall have a right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—Rev W M. Page, H L. Hall, Angus Bain.
Autryville—By letter.
Baptist Chapel—James Jackson, M. B Jackson, J. B. Wrench.
Beulah—J. B. Young, Handy McLamb.
Browns—[illegible]. H. McCullen, W C Howard, D A. Bass.
Calvary—J. K. Hudson, M. L. Barefoot, T. J. Lee.
Canaan—J. M. Fleming, T. L Hudson
Centre—F A. Royal, J. T. Royal, D. R Lockamy.
Clement—J. T. Williams, J. T Culbreth, W. B. Matthis.
Concord—J. B Downing, Enoch Hall, K L Davis.
Elizabeth—Henry Canday, Troy Faircloth.
Evergreen—Not represented.
Fayetteville—J. W. Tomlinson, D. J. Breece, J. A. Oates.
Hickory Grove—S. M. Weeks, W O. Gilbert, W. R. Warren.
Long Branch—L. W. Autry, Z. V Spell, A. T. Cooper.
Macedonia—W. H. Sessoms, M. L Starling, J. A. Carter.
Magnolia—J B. Bryant, R. H Autry, J. H. Bryant.
Mary's Chapel—Not represented
Massey Hill—B. F. Sikes, Richard Butler, R W Horrell.
Mill Creek—Ballard Sessoms, John Horn, F. H. Horn,
Mt. Elim—H. M. Jackson, W. R. Warren, T. D. Jackson.
Oliver's Grove—J A. Tyner, Haywood Johnson, J. C Hockady.
Piney Green—J T. McLamb J S. Simmons, J A. Royal.
Pleasant Union—R M Royal. E. S. Howard, Shep. Sessoms.
Roseboro—By letter.
Rowan—J. M Boon M. W Malpuss, T. W. Boon.
Royal's Chapel—Whitney Royal.
Salem—J. H. Squires, J E Cooper, H A. Cooper.
Spring Branch—J. C. Williford, D. M. Williford, O. Strickland.
Trinity—Arthur Lee, F. W. Hawley, J. S. Lawhon.
Union Grove—By letter.
White Oak—J. A Underwood, R. N. Butler, W. A. Underwood.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To Churches of the Association:

A quarter of a century has passed since this Association began its work, with ten churches. They were in a small territory and comparatively weak. Today we have more than thirty churches and most of this addition has come through the work of the Executive Committee, and the work is not yet done. God has blessed us in many ways. Our opportunities are great and therefore our obligation is great.

During the year 152 were baptized. The amount received for Associational Missions from the churches was substantielly the same as last year. There is some advance in our contributions for other mission work. Bretnren, we urge upon every church in the Association to bestir itself for Missions. As Missionary Baptists, we cannot afford to neglect our mission opportunities. We are not true to our Christ when we neglect his greatest work. We urge that you adopt some systematic plan, either through the envelope or committee system, or both that every member possible may be reached and show a tangible interest in the Lord's work.

During the year just past Rev J. M. Fleming has been paid $350 by the Committee. He served at Roseboro, Royal's Chapel, Hickor Grove, Beulah, Canaan, organized churches, and also at Beaver Dam, a mission point. This work has been blessed and if we must judge by what we hear from these fields, we are called on to continue Bro. Fleming at all these places. We have therefore called him to this work for another year for $350. His services at Elizabeth are paid for by that church.

RECEIPTS.

From the Churches		$365 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

J. M. Fleming	$350 00	
T. B. Hall	1 25	
Printing and Postage	1 50	
	$352 75	352 75
Balance		$ 12 88

We are hoping to occupy some new territory next year in Johnston county. (See table of pledges.)

John A. Oates,
J. C. Williford,
R. N. Butler,
R. M. Royal,
W. O. Gilbert.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 23rd, 1901 to October 22nd, 1902.

RECEIPTS

Received for	Minute Fund	$ 26 00
" "	Associational Missions	160 67
" "	State Missions	14 18
" "	Home Missions	13 53
" "	Foreign Missions	41 39
" "	Orphanage	29 02
" "	Education	16 89
" "	Minister's Relief	3 90
" "	Sunday Schools	65
" "	Century Fund	8 30
	Total	$314 53

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid J. A. Oates Minute Fund and Clerk	$ 26 00
" Rev J M. Fleming, our Missionary	152 22
" " T. B. Hall missionary work	5 00
" Treasurer Baptist State Convention	98 36
" Rev, N. H Gibbs missionary work	3 38
" Orphanage	28 80
" Postage and Money Order fees	77
Total	$ 314 53

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. Butler, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
W. A, Underwood,
R. M Royal.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

Oct. 1901, to Oct. 1902.

Without hesitation I cheerfully submit this, my second annual report as Missionary of the South River Association, in which capacity I have tried to serve with unswerving fidelity.

I am encouraged for four reasons:

1 Because of marked kindness shown by all among whom I have gone.

2 Because the contributions have increased more than a hundred per cent. above last year.

3. Because of the growing interest in the attendance upon our services from time to time.

4 Because the Work is God's; and with him as Commander-in-Chief, I feel safe in "going forward."

SUMMARY OF THE WORK.

Amount of Funds to all objects	$196,87
Sermons and addresses delivered	229
Religious visits	215
Pages of tracts distributed	2218
Bibles and booklets furnished	15
Copies of Church Covenant	250

Respectfully,
J. M. Fleming.

MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

Churches.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total Memb'rship
Antioch		1	3	4	7		50	76	126
Autryville	1			1	1		20	38	58
Baptist Chapel		5		3		3	78	129	207
Beulah					1	1	4	9	13
Brown's							29	26	55
Calvary	1						12	21	33
Canaan	4	2		1		1	5	25	30
Centre							39	39	78
Clement	10	6		1		1	53	69	122
Concord	18	1	9	3	2	1	43	105	148
Elizabeth	5	3		2	4	1	42	46	88
*Evergreen							17	18	35
Fayetteville	15	13	3	7		1			347
Hickory Grove			2	3	5		16	32	48
Long Branch		1	1	1	1	5	48	65	113
Macedonia	4	1			2		21	42	63
Magnolia	4			1	1	7	33	70	103
*Mary's Chapel							5	19	24
Massey Hill	9	30		6	2	2	34	76	110
Mill Creek	6			1			22	41	63
Mount Elim	3		1	3	1	2	42	54	96
Oliver's Grove	9				3		18	18	36
Piney Green	17	1	3	1		3	62	119	181
Pleasant Union	14	3	3	5		1	58	84	142
Roseboro		3		1			10	6	16
Rowan						1	19	38	57
Royal's Chapel			1	3	1	2	12	20	32
Salem	17	14	3	3	3	1	82	99	181
Spring Branch				5	5	1	113	158	271
Trinity	1						15	23	38
Union Grove	9			6			36	41	77
White Oak	5	3		3			39	64	103
Total	152	87	29	64	39	34	987	1670	2648

*Taken from minutes of 1901.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches.	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministers Relief	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Other objects—including pastor's salary	Minute Fund
Antioch	12 18	7 17	7 41	11 66	2 00	2 28	....	105 61	1 20
Autryville	4 04	1 50	1 00	1 50	....	2 00	....	77 85	....
Baptist Chapel	11 37	1 20	....	3 58	....	1 25	....	181 14	1 60
Beulah	10 63	66	10	....	....	....	....	6 16	10
Browns	2 45	....	....	....	....	66	....	22 00	65
Calvary	5 27	1 50	....	56	....	....	60	36 00	1 13
Canaan	13 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	1 14	1 00	45	45
Centre	3 43	....	....	63	....	....	1 12	72 81	1 20
Clement	12 50	....	....	75	....	1 52	....	102 38	1 50
Concord	10 00	....	1 16	4 74	....	....	....	90 91	1 15
Elizabeth	7 50	1 41	77	2 39	....	....	74	68 10	45
Evergreen	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Fayetteville	40 00	32 05	41 41	111 81	....	49 64	10 0	1,629 39	2 50
Hickory Grove	3 46	57	33	34	....	49	80	22 74	10
Long Branch	1 20	....	....	....	....	....	....	50 00	1 10
Macedonia	7 15	....	....	46	....	....	....	50 00	50
Magnolia	8 79	3 45	....	2 35	....	50	....	54 80	90
Mary's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Massey Hill	11 35	4 08	....	11 05	....	3 00	....	251 68	1 50
Mill Creek	5 79	50	50	50	1 00	75	....	3 25	75
Mt. Elim	10 00	....	....	1 05	....	....	....	59 78	1 50
Oliver's Grove	2 40	3 00	....	....	50	50	....	....	1 00
Piney Grove	2 30	....	....	....	....	....	....	89 25	40
Pleasant Union	5 00	....	....	1 00	....	....	....	36 50	50
Roseboro	5 26	62	1 02	1 05	....	....	40	7 50	15
Rowan	3 00	....	....	60	....	40	....	3 00	50
Royal's Chapel	4 40	58	1 00	81	....	1 15	85	27 00	10
Salem	28 25	32 57	19 91	32 04	1 00	20 21	1 00	1,792 93	1 00
Spring Branch	35 00	5 00	6 00	9 44	2 00	15 08	....	123 90	2 50
*Trinity	3 00	1 00	50	50	2	25	....	37 10	80
Union Grove	7 50	....	....	....	....	....	....	164 25	25
White Oak	21 24	5 71	6 00	6 25	1 43	1 65	1 10	85 81	1 10

*No letter.

General Education—Antioch $2.76, Fayetteville $40.00, Mt. Elim $1.00, White Oak, $6.30; Salem contributed $12 50 to Salem High School

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES	Education	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions
Antioch	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	12 50
Autryville	...	....	....	.....	10 00
Baptist Chapel	....	5 00	5 00	5 00	15 00
Beulah	75	1 00	1 00	1 00	10 00
Brown's	....	....	....	5 00	3 00
Calvary	3 00	50	50	1 00	5 00
Canaan	2 00	1 25	1 00	1 00	20 00
Centre	1 00	....	....	1 00	12 50
Clement	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 50
Concord	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	10 00
Elizabeth	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	7 50
Evergreen	....	....	....	....	2 50
Fayetteville	$200	40 00	50 00	125 00	40 00
Hickory Grove	1 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	5 00
Long Branch	....	2 00	2 00	2 00	10 00
Macedonia	....	....	....	....	7 50
Magnolia	...	....	....	....	10 00
Mary's Chapel	....	....	....	.....	2 50
Massey Hill	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00
Mill Creek	....	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
Mt. Elm	1 00	....	....	2 00	10 00
Oliver's Grove	....	....	....	1 00	2 50
Piney Green	1 25	2 50	2 50	5 00	10 00
Pleasant Union	1 00	...	....	2 00	5 00
Roseboro	....	1 25	1 25	1 00	15 00
Rowan	....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
Royal's Chapel	....	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
Salem	..	25 00	25 00	30 00	25 00
Spring Branch	....	7 50	7 50	15 00	30 00
Trinity	....	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 50
Union Grove	....	1 00	1 00	2 00	7 50
White Oak	....	5 00	5 00	5 00	25 00

The column of Associational Missions is the amount asked for by the Executive Board. The same was read before the Association and approved.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendents	Post Office.	No. of Attend'ce	Months Open.
Antioch........	Geo W. Starling	Godwin......	42	9
Autryville.....	L. M. Cooper...	Autryville ...	80	12
Baptist Chapel .	O. B. Tew.	Coopers......	115	9
Beulah.........	J. B. Young....	Benson	33	8
Browns.........	J. C. Howard ..	Clinton	39	9
Calvary	No School......	....	.....	....
Canaan.........	No School......	....	.....	....
Centre..........	D. C. Matthews..	Cornelia	100	9
Clement	J. T. Williams..	Clement	104	12
Concord.........	W. B. Horne...	Autryville ...	40	6
Elizabeth.. ...	Henry Edwards.	Clinton	65	9
Evergreen......	No Report	....	.....	....
Fayetteville	J. A. Oates.....	Fayetteville..	295	12
Hickory Grove .	W. E. Herring..	Blake........	81	6
Long Branch ...	H. I. Hall.......	Autryville ...	64	6
Macedonia......	M. F. Starling .	Cedar Creek..	40	6
Magnolia	A. M. Autry ...	Stedman.... .	54	12
Mary s Chapel..	No Report......	....	.....	....
Massey Hill	W. B. Malloy ..	Fayetteville..	190	12
Mill Creek......	John Horne.. ..	Mints........	65	7
Mt. Elim.......	S. L. Jackson..	Lydia.	54	8
Oliver's Grove..	J C. Hockaday .	Four Oaks...	50	12
Piney Grove....	C. H. McLamb .	Orange	96	8
Pleasant Union.	R. M. Royal....	Owenville ...	128	12
Roseboro	R W. Howard .	Salemburg...	54	9
Rowan	Richard Parker.	Clinton	35	...
Royal's Chapel..	D. A. Honeycutt	Blake........	37	6
Salem...........	J. J Hendren...	Salemburg...	235	12
Spring Branch..	O. D. Strickland	Giles' Mill....	62	12
*Trinity.........	J S Lawhon...	Rome........	24	....
Union Grove ...	O T Williams..	Chance	55	12
White Oak......	W. J. Butler....	Clinton	87	9
			2322	

*Taken from last year's report.

H. A. Cooper. Salemburg, Associational Representative

Churches.	Pastors.	Pastor's P O.	Clerk	Clerk's P. O	Time of Meeting
Antioch	R. A. Hedgpet	Autryville	H L. Hall	Falcon	4th Sunday
Autryville	"	"	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	1st "
Baptist Chapel .	"	"	O B Tew	Cooper	2nd "
Beulah.........	J. M. Fleming	Blake	J B. Young	Benson	4th "
Brown's.........	T. B Hall	Dismal	D. A. Bass	Keener	4th "
Calvary	B. Townsend	Townsend	F. J Lee	McKoy	4th "
Canaan	J. M Fleming	Blake	Mrs J F. Hulst	Glenwood	3rd "
Centre	R. A. Hedgpeth	Autryville	H. S Matthew	Cornelia	4th "
Clement.........	J. L Shinn	Salemburg	W B Matthews	Clement	4th "
Concord.........	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	L V Hair	Autryville	3rd "
Elizabeth	J M. Fleming	Blake	J. B Sessoms	Thomas	2nd "
Evergreen......	No Letter	....	....	....	....
Fayetteville	T A Hall	Fayetteville	E W. Nolley	Fayetteville	Every Sunday
Hickory Grove .	J. M Fleming	Blake	J. R. Strickland	Blake	1st "
Long Branch...	J. O Tew	Fayetteville	H I Hall	Autryville	4th "
Macedonia......	J. G Fisher	Roslin	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn	1st "
Magnolia	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	J. H Bryant	Stedman	3rd "
Mary's Chapel..	No Letter	....	....	....	....
Massey Hill	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	J. W Lee	Fayetteville	2d & 4th "
Mill Creek.	T. B. Hall	Dismal	John Horne	Mints	2nd "
Mt. Elim......	W. M. Page	Falcon	Troy D. Jackson	Lydia	3rd "
Oliver's Grove..	N. H. Gibbs	Benson	James A. Fort	Ezra	1st "
Piney Green....	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	H. G. Sessoms	Orange	4th "
Pleasant Union.	T. B. Hall	Dismal	Jordan Sessoms	Hayne	1st "
Roseboro.......	J. M. Fleming	Blake	Uriah Sessoms	Roseboro	2nd "
Rowan	....	....	L. H. Best	Clinton	1st "
Royal's Chapel.	J. M. Fleming	Blake	Whitney Royal	Salemburg	1st "
Salem	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	A. F. Howard	Salemburg	1st & 3d "
Spring Branch..	J. A. Campbell	Buie's Creek	D. M. Williford	Giles Mill	1st "
Trinity.........	N. H. Gibbs	Benson	J. S Lawhon	Rome	4th "
Union Grove...	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	R. W. Howard	Salemburg	4th "
White Oak	J L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton	3rd "

SOUTH RIVER
ASSOCIATION.

27th Annual Session 1903 With Clement Church

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT CLEMENT,

Sampson County, N. C.,

OCTOBER 21-23, 1903.

OFFICERS:

J. B. DOWNING, Moderator, - - -	Buckhorn, N. C.
JOHN A. OATES, Clerk, - - - -	Fayetteville, N. C.
JUNIUS A. UNDERWOOD, Treasurer, -	Clinton, N. C.

Next Meeting:

Time—October 20, 21, 22, 1904.
Place—Baptist Chapel Church Sampson County, N. C.; nearest Railroad Station, Wade.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. M. Fleming.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. A. B. Stephens.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. W. Horrell,	Fayetteville,	N. C.
John O. Tew,	Fayetteville,	“
Wiley M. Page,	Falcon,	“
J. W. Bell,	Faison,	“
Redin Honeycutt,	Clinton,	“
Wm. Bland,	Hawley's Store,	“
H. J. Duncan,	Ora,	‘
A. B. Stephens,	Autryville,	“
M. W. Maylor,	Giles Mill,	“
J. M. Fleming,	Salemburg,	“
J. L. Shinn,	Salemburg,	“
D. W. Tew,	Blake,	

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. A. Oates, Chairman,	Fayetteville,	N. C.
John B. Bryant,	Stedman,	“
Robert M. Royal,	Owenville,	“
John C. Williford,	Giles Mill,	“
W. O. Gilbert,	Blake,	“
Samuel A. Howard,	Salemburg,	“
Junius A. Underwood,	Clinton,	“

TRUSTEES—SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

J. L. Autry,
F. I. McKenzie,
E. T. Turlington,
J. B Jackson,
D. J. Breece,
R. A. Hedgpeth,
L. M. Cooper,

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messenger.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Selection of place of next session.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

CLEMENT BAPTIST CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.,
Wednesday, October 21st, 1903.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 27th annual session according to invitation and appointment The day was a beautiful one and the attendance unusually large, especially of men.

Promptly at 11 o'clock Rev. W. M. Page preached the introductory sermon from Ephesians 5:30.

At 12 o'clock the Association took recess for one hour.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock the Association was called to order by Moderator John B. Downing. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. J. M. Fleming.

Rev. J. L. Shinn was chosen Clerk pro tem.

D. J. Breece and L. M. Cooper were appointed a Finance Committee, and Revs. R. W. Horrell and J. M. Fleming Reading Clerks.

Roll of churches called and 20 responded. The letters were read. Baptist Chapel letter, containing petition for Association, tabled for later action.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator—John B. Downing.

Clerk—John A. Oates.

Treasurer—James A. Underwood.

The Association tendered a rising vote of thanks to Bro. Robert N. Butler, the retiring Treasurer, who declined re-election.

Pastor J. L. Shinn welcomed the Asssociation to the church. Rev. R. W. Horrell responded.

Rev. J. M. Page from the Cedar Creek Association, representing the Biblical Recorder and Charity and Children, H. L. Hall from the Cedar Creek and Rev. S. C. Page from the Little River Association, representing the Little River Record, were welcomed as visitors.

Rev. J. L. Shinn, Associational Vice-President of the

Foreign Mission Board, announced himself as representing the Foreign Mission Journal.

J. A. Oates announced himself for the North Carolina Baptist.

On motion, the Association agreed to adjourn each day at 11:30 o'clock to hear preaching at the stand.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Nominate Executive Board, J. W. Tomlinson, B. Holland, A. J. Cooper.
Religious Exercises, Pastor and Deacons of this church.
Foreign Missions, J. L. Shinn, H. G. Sessoms, B. H. Underwood.
Sunday Schools, J. L. Autry, F. H. Horne, G. W. Wagstaff.
Programme, Moderator, Clerk and Pastor of this church.
Orphanage, S. C. Page, R. N. Butler, A. A. Page.
Temperance, W M. Page, J. A. Oates.
Ministers Relief, R. Honeycutt, R. N. Butler.
Education, D. W. Tew, J. W. Tomlinson, W. G. Hall.
Periodicals, J. A. Oates, J. M. Johnson.
Home Missions, R. W. Horrell, J. C. Williford, W. R. Johnson.
Auditing Committe, D. W. Tew, Buck G. Bullock.
Obituaries, W. G. Hall, Angus Bain, R. N. Butler.
Nominate Delegates and Corresponding Messengers, H. L. Hall, J. A. Dawson, J. B. Bryant.

By request of alternate, Rev. J. M. Fleming, Rev. J. M. Page was selected to preach the missionary sermon.

J. A. Oates of the committee appointed in 1902 to meet a committee from the Cedar Creek Asseciation, relative to consolidation, reported that he brought the matter to the attention of the Cedar Creek last week and that they appointed a committee of five to meet with a like committee from us.

Rev. J. M. Page of that committee addressed the Association, favoring the consolidation.

Rev. R. W. Horrell moved that the committee's report be received and the committee continued with necessary change to arrange for the consolidation in accordance with the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the South River Association, appoint a committee to meet with the committee from the Cedar Creek Association, and that we empower them to prepare for consolidation of the two Associations and that the Clerk be instructed to grant letters to as many churches as desire them.

Discussed by R. W. Horrell, J. A. Oates, J. L. Autry, J. M. Johnson, J. M. Fleming, S. C. Page, R. M. Royall, D. J. Breece, Junius Underwood, J. L. Shinn, and tabled until Thursday.

The committee to nominate Executive Board reported as follows:

J. A. Oates, J. B. Bryant, Junius Underwood, R. M. Royall, J. C. Williford, W. O. Gilbert, S. A. Howard. Report adopted.

The committee on programme was empowered to arrange programme for Thursday morning.

After announcements the Associoation adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Thursday, with benediction by Rev. R. W. Horrell.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30. Rev. S. C. Page conducted the devotional exercises.

List of delegates called. Minuted read and approved.

The Moderator appointed additional committees.

Rev. W. G. Hall was welcomed from the Raleigh Association and Rev. W. R. Johnson from the Cedar Creek Association.

The following order of business was adopted:

THURSDAY.

9:30—Prayer and Praise Service.
10:00—Miscellaneous Business.
10:30—Associational Missions.
11:15—Periodicals.
11:30—Missionary Sermon.

RECESS.

1:30—Miscellaneous Business.
1:45—Ministers' Relief.
2:00—Foreign Missions.
2:30—Orphanage.
3:00—Education.
3:30—Obituaries.
7:00—Home and State Missions

FRIDAY.

9:30—Prayer and Praise Service.
10:00—Miscellaneous Business.
10:30—Report of Executive Board.
10:45—Sunday Schools.
11:15—Temperance.
11:30—Sermon.

It was ordered that the Association appoint a committee to look over an article prepared by Rev. J. M. Fleming at the request of the last union meeting, relative to Bro. John A. Oates' work in the cause of temperance, and have same published in the minutes.

List of unrepresented churches called and three responded.

Application from Trinity church for letter was tabled for the present.

Discussion of consolidation of Association set for 1:30 Thursday.

Rev. J. M. Fleming read the report of Associational Missionary. See report.

Report laid over to come up again with Executive Board report Friday.

Discussed by J. M. Fleming, R. W. Horrell.

Collection taken to send Rev. J. M. Fleming to Baptist State Convention amounting to $8.69.

Association repaired to stand to hear Rev. J. M. Page preach the missionary sermon and Secretary L. Johnson speak on State missions.

Pledges taken for State missions.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2:15. Report on Periodicals read as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

Our Association shows steady progress from year to year, and we believe that much of this is due to the fact that our people are becoming better informed as to our doctrines and our work. Our newspapers are wonderful factors in this upbuilding. They carry to the people information and this enkindles enthusiasm. The result is increased work. A religious paper is an assistant pastor. We do urge that our people try to keep abreast of the great needs of denominational work, as set out week after week in our papers.

We commend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children and Foreign Mission Journal as worthy your patronage. Brethren, keep a religious paper in your home. It is essential to the best work as a Baptist.

J. A. Oates,
J. M. Johnson.

Remarks by J. A. Oates, R. W. Horrell. Report adopted.

Roll call of unrepresented churches called and four responded.

Rev. J. L. Shinn appointed as representative of South River Association on State Mission Board.

The consolidation of the South River and Cedar Creek Associations came up as special order. After discussion the resolution of R. W. Horrell was adopted 27 to 11.

D. J. Breece read the finance report. Report turned over to Auditing Committee.

Committee on representation reported delegates as follows:

Southern Baptist Convention—J. A. Oates.
Baptist State Convention—J. M. Fleming, R. W. Horrell, O. B Tew.
Cedar Creek Association—A. B. Stephens.
Eastern Association—R. Honeycutt.
Little River Association—Arthur Lee.
Raleigh Association—J. M. Johnson.

Rev. J. L. Shinn read the report on Foreign Missions as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Southern Baptists are doing mission work in China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Italy and Argentine Republic. They have 129 missionaries on the field and 8 under appointment—192 native helpers, 157 churches, 1,790 baptisms during the last year; 8,880 members, 62 day schools, 1,356 scholars, 120 Sunday schools, 3,976 scholars.

SPECIAL NEEDS.

More consecrated men and women for the work, several chapels in Japan in which to gather the little churches and invite the passers-by. These will cost about $1,000 each. In China and Mexico we need several homes for missionaries, also chapels. The homes in large cities will cost about $2,500 and the chapels about $1,000 each. More money that the work may be pushed in the Master's name. Hear the Master: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Rom. 10:13 15. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

J. L. SHINN,
H. G. SESSOMS,
B. H. UNDERWOOD,

Pledges taken and report adopted.

Letter granted to Trinity church to unite with Johnston County Association (to be formed).

Association adjourned until 7 o'clock.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Association met at 7 o'clock. The Moderator being absent, Capt. J. L. Autry presided. J. A. Oates discussed

North Carolina Baptist history. Rev. R. W. Horrell read report on Home Missions as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Board is doing work in all the States in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and in Cuba and Hayti. The work of this Board has been signally blessed of God. The minds and hearts of our people have been divinely drawn to it and all the work taken up by it has progressed gloriously.

The Home Board, through co operation with the State Mission Boards, has rendered valuable service in the prosecution of the State Mission work through the convention. The attendance of God's blessings upon this work demands of us hearty and strong support of it.
R. W. HORRELL.

After discussion by R. W. Horrell, adopted.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30, W. B. Malloy Clerk pro tem.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. W. Tew. Fleet H. Honre from Mill Creek, who was sick, was excused. Home Mission pledges were taken.

The names of J. L. Autry, J. C. Williford and Rev. J. L. Shinn were added to the committee on consolidation.

On motion, a letter is granted to Massey Hill Baptist church to join the Cedar Creek Association.

The location for the next Association was taken up by motion the place selected is Baptist Chapel.

Brethren A. J. Cooper and J. B. Bedsole are appointed a committee to select preachers to preach at the next Association.

The committee on Sabbath schools make report signed by J. L. Autry.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A Sunday school in its true meaning is "the church at work." Christ was sent to be the light of the world. On his return to glory He transmitted it to the church. No church or church member can reflect that light except they take the children in their arms and bless them. Respectfully submitted,
J. L. AUTRY.

Rev. A. B. Stephens, of Autryville, was welcomed as a new pastor in the Association.

The Clement classes sang several songs which moved the people to tears of spiritual joy. This was followed by a touching song by Mrs. J. W. Tomlinson.

Report on Sunday schools adopted.

Rev. D. W. Tew read report on Ministers' Relief. Adopted.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Dear brethren, we have in North Carolina, men who, in the

days of their ability, shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God to a sinful world, repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, fearless of the hurt that came to many of them in this world, now old and dependent upon the charity of the people. Your committee recommends that each church take at least one collection a year for this object. They deserve our smpathy and aid. Respectfully submitted, R. Honeycutt,
R. N. Butler,
Committee.

Rev. D. W. Tew read report on Education. Adopted.

EDUCATION.

We deem the educational movement of this day the grandest and most powerful means (under God) to uplift the masses and bring great helpfulness to our people. But, while this is true, more and more should we realize that education is still the need of the hour.

D. W. Tew,
J. W. Tomlinson,
Committee.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

OBITUARIES.

We report the number of deaths during the Associational year to be 28. Not so many as last year.

Respectfully submitted, A. Bain,
W. G. Hall,
Committee.

Report on Orphanage read as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

When Dr. Hufham said, "That the Orphanage was an institution in spite of the Baptist State Convention and the devil, the day it was given life," he voiced a truth that has abundantly shown that it is not only an institution, but a "Christ-like" institution and one that has embeded itself in the very deepest affections of our denominational life. Surely none of our churches can afford to fail to respond to the tender claims made on us by the children of our dead brethren to the fullest extent of our ability.

Brethren, the work is in good hands and needs money every day to meet the expenses of those children that are there and to make room for others that are knocking for entrance. Lét us cheerfully do our part.

S. C. Page,
R. N. Butler.

Remarks by Rev. J. M. Fleming. Collection of $6.00 taken for Orphanage. Report adopted.

Report on Preachers for next session:

Rev. J. M. Fleming—Introductory Sermon.

Rev. A. B. Stephens—Missionary Sermon.

Report of Executive Board read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We congratulate the churches on the work of the year just completed. There has been an advance along all lines of work.

The contributions to the objects are becoming more general, and the pledges taken at this session indicate further increased interest. During the year there were 207 baptisms. A gain of 55 over last year. This is the largest number reported for seven years, we know. One person was baptized for every 13 members of the Association. We have observed that in "off" political years our work prospers best. Brethren, we are hoping that next year will show that our people place Christ's cause first.

The work on the Mission field is set out in detail in the report of the Missionary, Rev. J. M. Fleming, whose services are proving satisfactory. We find that it is still necessary to assist some of our weakest churches.

The financial report shows:

Balance from 1902	$ 12 88
From the churches	384 10
Total	$396 98

EXPENDITURES.

J. M. Fleming	$350 00
R. Honeycutt	11 00
Postage, etc	3 46
J. M. Fleming to Baptist State Convention 1902.	5 00
Total	$369 46

Balance	$27 52

Brother Fleming served at Roseboro, Hickory Grove, Royal's Chapel, Calvary, Beulah, Canaan, organized churches, and Beaver Dam, a mission point. Elizabeth church paid for his services there. Rev. R. Honeycutt preached monthly at Mary's Chapel. We have secured the services of Rev. J. M. Fleming for another year. We present the following apportionment to the churches for Associational Missions;

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Antioch,	$ 12 00
Autryville,	10 00
Baptist Chapel,	15 00
Beulah,	5 00
Browns,	3 00
Calvary,	35 00
Canaan,	12 00
Centre,	10 00
Clement,	12 00
Concord,	10 00
Elizabeth,	10 00
Evergreen,	2 50
Fayetteville,	40 00
Hickory Grove,	30 00
Long Branch,	12 00
Macedonia,	7 50
Magnolia,	$ 10 00
Mary's Chapel,	5 00
Massey Hill,	10 00
Mill Creek,	3 00
Mt. Elim,	7 50
Oliver's Grove,	12 00
Piney Green,	10 00
Pleasant Union,	5 00
Roseboro,	7 50
Royal's Chapel,	30 00
Salem,	25 00
Spring Branch,	30 00
Trinity,	2 00
Union Grove,	7 50
White Oak,	20 00

MISSIONARY'S THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

My work as Missionary of the South River Association began November 1, 1901. While the introduction was mysterious and the work has been hard, I can truly say the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. It has never been my privilege to serve a better and more noble people than the South River Baptists. I have found them a willing and liberal people. From the first our progress has been on the incline. I feel very certain that no Association in the State of equal magnitude, numerically or financially, has done more, or is doing more, for the cause of Cnrist in general than the South River.

I have been laboring all the while at quite a disadvantage, but I gratefully acknowledge that the work is in finer shape now than at any time of my connection with the Association; and, having permanently located in the nice little village of Salemburg, I feel quite safe in predicting continued success and pleasant relations with the people.

I submit a summary of the work as compared with the past year:

	1903.	1902.	Advance
Services—Sermons, etc	297	229	68
Churches and out stations visted	30	17	13
Religious visits	360	215	145
Pages gospel tracts distributed	10,277	2,218	8,059
*Baptized	50	42	8
Restored	5	3	2
Excluded	2	7	....
Received by letter	12	8	4
Dismissed by letter	7	10	....
Died	4	5	....
Copies of the Scriptures, etc	2	15	....
Copies of the Covenant furnished	....	250	....
Amount raised to all objects	$235.67	$198.87	$34.80

*32 last year and 44 this year; other churches in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FLEMING.

Report of Associational Missionary adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would reiterate the spirit of the reports of previous years—that our people be temperate in their own lives, in every way, and that they give the full weight of their Christian lives toward the complete wiping out of the manufacture and sale of all kinds of drinks that intoxicate, craze and damn.

W. M. PAGE,
J. A. OATES,
Committee.

Resolution of thanks adopted by rising vote:

We desire to heartily thank the Clement church and the people of the community for their generous welcome to their homes and their kind hospitality.

Association adjourned to the stand to hear sermon by Rev. R. W. Horrell.

After the sermon the Association adjourned to meet at Baptist Chapel on Wednesday before 4th Sabbath in October, 1904.

JOHN B. DOWNING, Moderator.

JOHN A. OATES, Clerk.

Committee on Consolidation.

J. B. Downing,	I. T. McLamb,
J. A. Oates,	J. L. Autry,
D. W. Tew,	J. C. Williford,
J. A. Underwood,	J. L. Shinn.

DELEGATES.

Antioch—W. M. Page, H. L. Hall, Angus Bain.
Autryville—L. M. Cooper, George Bullock, John L. Autry.
Baptist Chapel—J. R. Brown, A. A. Page, J T. Williams, Sr.
Brown—Amos Pope, J. H. McCullen, D. A. Bass.
Centre—W. R. Williams, H. T. Godwin.
Canaan—J. M. Fleming.
Clement—J. L. Autry, Joel Matthews, J. D. Williams.
Concord—J. B. Bedsole, Buck G. Bullock, K. L. Davis.
Elizabeth—W. A. Lewis.
Evergreen—W. K. Cartey, E. W. Vinson, G. N. Bedsole.
Fayetteville—D. J. Breece, J. W. Tomlinson, W. B. Malloy.
Hickory Grove—D. W. Tew.
Long Branch—Giles Hall, C. J. Hall, Raiford Hall.
Mary's Chapel—J. E. Bass.
Macedonia—M. F. Starling, Daniel Carter, W. J. B. Hall.
Magnolia—Ruffin Strickland, J. R. Williamson, I. C. Strickland.
Massey Hill—A. R. Butler, R. C. Hawkins, J. T. Hair.
Mill Creek—L. D. Hall, F. H. Horne, John Horne.
Mt. Elim—J. D. McLamb, T. L. Jackson, H. H. Warren.
Oliver's Grove—By letter.
Piney Green—I. T. McLamb, W. C. Tew, H. G. Sessoms.
Royal's Chapel—C. H. Butler.
Salem—A. J. Cooper, H. B. Howard, J. A. Turlington.
Spring Branch—J. C. Williford, W. M. Warren, G. W. Wagstaff.
Trinity—Arthur Lee.
Union Grove—W. B. Honeycutt, Henry Tew, Nathan Williams.
White Oak—J. A. Underwood, B. H. Underwood.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 24th, 1902, to October 21st, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Minute Fund	$ 30 00
Associational Missions	289 67
State Missions	15 46
Home Missions	14 26
Foreign Missions	27 06
Orphanage	24 01
Education	34
Ministerial Relief	4 18
Baptist Female University	16 25
Total	$420 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

J. A. Oates, Minute Fund	$ 30 00
Treasurer Baptist State Convention	80 89
Orphanage	20 00
Postage and Money Order fees	67
Fleming to Baptist State Convention	5 00
Expenses, Board, Postage, etc	3 46
Fleming, Missionary	280 11
Total	$420 13

Respectfully,
R. N. Butler, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

D. W. Tew,
Buck G. Bullock,
Committee.

Thomas B. Hall.

THOMAS B. HALL was born November 17, 1840, and died August 24, 1903.

His summons was without warning, but we believe his justification had gone on before in the Master, whom he delighted to serve and to preach to the people.

Brother Hall was for a number of years a minister of the Methodist church. Some years before his death he united with the Baptist church and became a Baptist preacher, serving a number of churches of this Association.

"His life was gentle,
And the elements so mixed in him
That all the world might stand up and say:
'This was a man.'"

We loved him, for he was a good man, whose purposes were noble and whose life was attuned to the measure set by Him who "went about doing good."

He was married to Miss Margaret D. Howard in 1860. Ten children blessed their home.

As fellow workers with him we counsel his loved ones to lean heavily on Him who said: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevlent purposes during the year.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendance of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and Missionary sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

At the Association (1903) we received and disbursed for all objects $238.60.

Report submitted.

L. M. Cooper,
D. J. Breece.

We find above correct.
D. W. Tew,
Buck G. Bullock,

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	PLEDGES. Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	State Missions
Antioch....	5	1	..	2	..	3	50	75	125	10 00	5 00	5 00
Autryville......	5	4	..	3	1	..	21	39	60	3 00	.....	5 00
Baptist Chapel.	17	6	1	12	7	..	77	121	198	6 00	5 00	5 00
Beulah..... ...	..	..	..	..	.	..	4	9	13	.....	1 00	.....
Brown's.......	5	5	..	..	..	..	29	35	64	......	.....	.....
Calvary..	..	1	..	1	..	1	10	22	32	1 00	1 00	2 00
Canaan.........	1	1	1	...	..	..	5	28	33	2 00	1 25	.....
Centre.....	..	1	..	4	..	1	35	39	74	5 00	1 00	1 00
Clement........	16	5	1	5	..	2	61	76	137	5 00	3 00	5 00
Concord...	21	2	5	1	3	2	55	116	171	5 00	.....	.....
Elizabeth.......	1	7	..	2	1	1	45	47	92	4 00	2 00	5 00
Evergreen.. ...	10	2	2	..	..	..	26	26	52	1 00	1 50	1 00
Fayetteville	8	12	1	15	3	2	...	...	348	125 00	50 00	40 00
Hickory Grove .	..	1	1	3	..	1	16	31	47	1 50	1 00	.....
Long Branch...	15	7	2	3	3	2	48	79	127	3 00	2 00	3 00
Macedonia......	20	..	4	4	1	1	33	51	84	3 00	2 00	5 00
Magnolia........	5	1	2	4	9	1	30	67	97	3 00	2 00	3 00
Mary's Chapel..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	20	24	.....	.....	.....
Massey Hill....	15	25	..	1	5	1	43	96	139	10 00	5 00	5 00
Mill Creek	3	1	..	1	..	2	25	38	63	2 00	1 00	2 00
Mount Elim....	..	..	.	..	.	2	42	43	85	2 00	.....	2 00
Oliver's Grove..	..	3	..	11	2	..	10	9	19	3 00	.....	.....
Piney Green....	..	1	..	1	..	2	62	118	179	.....	2 00	3 00
Pleasant Union.	19	1	1	6	4	1	56	96	152	3 00	.....	5 00
Roseboro........	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	6	16	1 25	1 25	.....
Royal's Chapel..	1	..	3	1	..	1	14	20	34	1 25	1 00	1 00
Salem...........	24	1	..	6	..	..	92	106	198	30 00	25 00	30 00
Spring Branch..	12	1	1	9	2	2	114	158	272	20 00	10 00	10 00
Trinity.........	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	23	38	2 00	1 00	2 00
Union Grove...	4	2	..	3	6	1	35	40	75	5 00	2 00	2 00
White Oak......	..	..	..	1	2	1	39	66	105	5 00	5 00	7 50
										262.00	131.00	149.5

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministers' Relief.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	All Other Objects.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Time meeting.
Antioch	$ 11.80	$ 8.80	$ 2.65	$ 12.07	$	$ 5.00	$ 1.51	$ 111.00	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	H. L. Hall	Falcon	4th Sunday
Autryville	6.02	1.56	1.16	3.38	......	2.00	1.00	88.00	A. B. Stephens	Autryville	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	4th “
Baptist Chapel	15.15	5.00	5.00	5.00	59	5.40	2.30	292.84	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	O. B. Tew	Cooper	2 “
Beulah	1.30	1.25	05	40	25	35	15	80	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	J. B. Young	Benson	4 “
Browns	3.00	25	......	1.30	......	......	70	......	J. W. Bell	Faison	D. A. Bass	Clinton	4 “
Calvary	4.45	80	65	2.47	40	37	40	24.60	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	T. J. Lee	McKoy	4 “
Canaan	3.83	......	2.21	5.31	32	1.47	......	6.20	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	Mrs J T Hudson	Glenwood	3 “
Centre	10.45	......	......	72	......	......	70	66.60	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	H. S. Matthews	Cornelia	1 “
Clement	9.66	1.00	1.00	2.36	......	......	1.00	121.75	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	W B Matthews jr	Clement	4 “
Concord	12.79	1.00	1.00	7.50	......	1.00	1.55	111.00	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	L. V. Hair	Autryville	3 “
Elizabeth	7.50	3.00	2.00	3.00	90	1.50	35	77.64	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	T. L. Faircloth	Clinton	2 “
Evergreen	2.50	10	05	05	......	......	15	55.95	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	A. D. Bedsole	Clay Fork	4 “
Fayetteville	40.00	20.57	55.10	109.10	......	50.00	2.00	1,520.98	......	......	R. D. Jones	Fayetteville	Every “
Hickory Grove	2.19	75	......	2.44	......	1.02	60	31.22	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	J. R. Strickland	Blake	1 “
Long Branch	10.86	2.00	2.00	2.18	......	1.06	1.20	63.46	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	H. I. Hall	Autryville	4 “
Macedonia	8.90	1.00	......	1.00	......	1.15	1.00	50.00	J. G. Fisher	Cotton	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn	1 “
Magnolia	10.61	1.42	......	2.15	......	......	1.10	68.85	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	W. H. Fisher	Stedman	4 “
Mary's Chapel	2.28	......	......	......	......	......	25	3.80	R. Honeycutt	Blake	W. A. McCullen	Keener's	2 “
Massey Hill	10.02	2.62	5.16	5.00	1.50	4.00	2.00	346.27	R. W. Horrell	Fayetteville	R. C. Hawkins	Fayetteville	2, 3 & 4 “
Mill Creek	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	75	......	1.00	36.10	......	......	John Horne	Mints	2 “
Mt. Elim	7.50	......	1.41	2.35	......	1.00	1.25	55.50	W. M. Page	Falcon	F. D. Jackson	Lydia	3 “
Oliver's Grove	1.00	......	......	......	......	......	30	19.65	N. H. Gibbs	Four Oaks	H. Johnson	Four Oaks	1 “
Piney Green	8.00	60	1.75	2.00	......	......	50	82.00	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	H. G. Sessoms	Orange	4 “
Pleasant Union	5.00	1.06	86	2.68	......	......	1.00	60.64	A. B. Stephens	Autryville	Perry Sessoms	Hayne	1 “
Roseboro	5.38	55	......	1.32	40	85	......	69	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	Uriah Sessoms	Roseboro	2 “
Royal's Chapel	3.15	1.29	......	3.23	55	41	......	31.17	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	C. H. Butler	Clinton	1 “
Salem	25.00	25.00	27.87	30.00	......	17.70	......	328.20	J. J. Shinn	Salemburg	A. F. Howard	Salemburg	1 & 2 “
Spring Branch	35.01	10.00	10.00	25.00	4.00	30.12	3.00	328.31	J. A. Campbell	Buie's Creek	B. Holland	Dunn	1 “
Trinity	2.50	5.00	2.00	2.00	......	......	50	......	J. W. Suttle	Smithfield	J. S. Lawhon	Benson	2 “
Union Grove	7.50	1.00	1.00	2.00	......	55	1.20	264.40	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	G. O. Hayes	Chance	1 “
White Oak	16.26	6.51	7.16	10.67	......	1.58	1.00	85.21	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton	3 “

The above figures are taken from the letters to the Association. If the churches do not report in their letters the amounts sent off during the Associational year, as well as the amounts sent along with the letter, the full contributions of the churches cannot be shown as they should be.—Clerk.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICE.	Attendance.	Months Open.
Antioch........	G H. Starling .	Godwin..	54	12
Autryville......	L. M. Cooper ..	Autryville	45	12
Baptist Chapel..	O B. Tew......	Cooper.....	115	8½
Beulah	....	....	....	..
Brown's........	J. C. Howard...	Clinton.........	36	9
Calvary	M. L. Barefoot.	McKoy...... ..	33	5
Canaan... ..	....	....	....	..
Centre.....	H. S. Matthews	Cornelia........	108	9
Clement.	J. T. Williams..	Clement	121	12
Concord...	W. B. Horne....	Autryville... .	79	12
Elizabeth.......	H. H Edwards.	Clinton.	54	9
Evergreen......	A D Bedsole ..	Clay Fork... ..	54	12
Fayetteville	E. J. Kennedy..	Fayetteville	270	12
Hickory Grove..	....	....	....	..
Long Branch...	W. T. Hall......	Dismal.....	127	7
Macedonia......	M H. Sessoms.	Buckhorn..	55	8
Magnolia	J B Bryant....	Stedman..	76	12
Mary's Chapel..	J. E. Bass.....	Keener's..	28	7
Massey Hill.....	R C Hawkins..	Fayetteville ...	140	12
Mill Creek......	M. M. Sessoms.	Roseboro..	86	9
Mount Elim	S. L Jackson...	Lydia..........	76	8
Oliver's Grove..	....	....	....	..
Piney Green....	H. G. Sessoms..	Orange.........	123	8
Pleasant Union.	R. M. Royall...	Owenville..	126	12
Roseboro.	....	....	....	..
Royal's Chapel.	C. H. Butler...	Clinton.........	30	9
Salem....	H. A Cooper...	Salemburg.. ...	254	12
Spring Branch..	O D Strickland	Giles Mill......	83	12
Trinity.........	....	....	....	..
Union Grove...	R. W. Howard.	Salemburg......	56	8
White Oak......	E. T. Turlington	Ora.....	62	9
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REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the South River Association met in its 7th annual session in the Academy at 2 p. m.

Opened by singing "Stand Up for Jesus." Bible quotation by each representative and V. P. Prayer by Mrs. Godwin. Reading of Mrs. Heck's letter by Mrs. A. F. Howard. Solo by Mrs. Tomlinson. Talk by V. P. on the Wokring force of prayer, followed by chain of prayer, led by Mrs. H. B. Howard, closed by Mrs Godwin.

REPORT FROM SOCIETIES.

Salem, by Mrs. Alma Turlington; Spring Branch, Miss——— ————————· Clement, Miss Berta Mathis; Magnolia, Miss Jemima Page; S. B. Salem, Miss Hallie Fisher; Autryville, Mrs. Luke Cooper; S. B. S. Branch, Miss Georgia Williford; Fayetteville, by letter; Spring Branch, by letter; Antioch by letter; White Oak, by letter; Concord, by letter, Miss Davis. Massey Hill, Mill Creek, Pleasant Union, Union Grove and Royall's Chapel not represented. Three organized during the year Clement, Sunbeam Spring Branch, Concord.

The study of Via Christi and a book on China laid before the societies. Talks on New Plans of Work. The motion carried to give the V. P. an assistant in the work; left to her to appoint or select one to attend the union meetings and association and hold meetings in the absence of the V. P. Recitation by Hallie Fisher, from the Sunbeams at Salem. Letter from one of the missionaries read by Miss Nellie Herring. Others to be read, but omitted on account of lack of time. A plea for missions and especially a plea for the organization of Sunbeam Societies in every church in our association where one does not already exist, by V. P. Mrs. Bettie Howard took subscribers for F. M. J.

MRS. A. F. HOWARD, Sec pro tem.
MRS. S. A. HOWARD, Vice Pres

Since our work began in 1896 have raised for missions	$1,137.26
From the W. M. S. for the Associational year 1903 have given	213 94
For the Conventional year 1902 gave	207.13
Our financial aim for this year	225.00

Our spiritual aim to have the children at work in a Sunbeam Band in every church, also keep a deepening interest in Woman's Work.

MRS. S. A HOWARD, Pres.

South River Baptist Association

Twenty-Eighth Annual Session, Held with Baptist Chapel.

David Williford

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of the

28th Annual Session

of the

South River Baptist Association,

Held With The

Church at Baptist Chapel,

—on—

October 19, 20, and 21, 1904.

OFFICERS:

J. B. DOWNING, Moderator - -	Buckhorn, N. C.
J. A. OATES, Clerk - - - - -	Fayetteville, N. C.
J. A. UNDERWOOD, Treasurer - -	Clinton, N. C.

Next Meeting:

Time—October 18, 19, 20, 1905.
Place—Spring Branch.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. R. Honeycutt.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. W. M. Page.

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Ordained Ministers.

W. M. Page, Falcon, N. C.
J. W. Bell, Faison, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt, Clinton, N. C.
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store, N. C
H. J. Duncan, Clinton, N. C.
A. B. Stephens, Autryville, N. C.
M. W. Naylor, Giles' Mill, N. C.
J. M Fleming, Salemburg, N. C.
J. L. Shinn, Salemburg, N. C.
D. W. Tew, Blake, N. C.
J. J. Hall, Fayetteville, N. C.

Executive Board.

J. A Oates, Fayetteville.
J. B. Jackson, Autryville.
J. C. Williford, Dunn.
W. O. Gilbert, Blake.
S. A. Howard, Salemburg.
J. A. Underwood, Clinton,
E. A. Jackson, Cooper.

Order of Business.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Selection of place of next session.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Miscellaneous busines.
9. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, and the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give a casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association and annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendance of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Art. 13 The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and Missionary sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

Proceedings.

BAPTIST CHAPEL CHURCH, SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.
October 19, 1904.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 28th annual session at this church according to invitation and appointment. The weather was mild and fair and the attendance large. A large, well built new church, in keeping with the Baptist strength and needs of the community, has just been built.

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. M. Fleming preached the introductory sermon from Psalms 4:3.

At 12 o'clock the Association took a recess.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 the Association was called to order by Moderator John B. Downing. Devotional services were led by Rev. W. M. Page.

Roll of churches called and seventeen responded.

The Moderator appointed J. M. Fleming and J. L. Shinn as Reading Clerks and D. J. Breece and H. J Duncan as Finance Committee.

Letters were read. Letter from Spring Branch asking for next session tabled for later consideration, also letter from Evergreen asking for dismission to Cedar Creek Association. Request for letter for Oliver's Grove to unite with Johnston County Association tabled for later consideration.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator—John B. Downing.
Clerk—John A. Oates.
Treasurer—Junius A. Underwood.

Rev. J. M. Arnette, of the South Yadkin Association, was introduced and responded happily. A prayer and praise service of fifteen minutes was led by Rev. J. M. Arnette.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Obituaries—M. W. Naylor, D. W. Tew.
Nominate Messengers—J. A. Dawson, J. B. Young.
State Missions—J. L. Shinn, J. C. Williford.
Associational Missions—J. L. Autry, J. M. Fleming, A. A. Page.
Program—J. L Shinn, J. A. Oates.
Ministers Relief—D W. Tew.
Nominate Executive Board—J. W. Tomlinson, B. Holland, L. M Cooper, B F. Carter, E. T. Turlington.
Foreign Missions—J J. Hall, W. M. Page.
Sunday Schools—H A. Cooper, O D. Strickland.
Periodicals—J. A. Oates, Junius Underwood.

Rev. J. M. Fleming read receipts from Seminary for funds sent from South River Association.

Evergreen was granted a letter to unite with Cedar Creek Association and Oliver's Grove to unite with the Johnston County.

John B. Downing, Chairman of the Committee to take into consideration the consolidation of the South River and Cedar Creek Associations, reported that no meeting was held with the Cedar Creek committee, the Cedar Creek committee not being notified by their chairman.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged

Committee on order of business reported as follows:

THURSDAY.

9:30—Prayer and Praise, M. W. Naylor, leading.
10:00—Sunday Schools.
10:45—Periodicals.
11:00—Foreign Missions.

After sundry announcements the Association adjourned to 9:30 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Opened at 9:30 with devotional exercises led by Rev. M. W. Naylor.

Minutes read and approved. List of delegates called. List of churches called and six new ones responded.

The invitation to visiting and new brethren was extended and Dr. J. J Hall, of Fayetteville, was introduced to the Association.

John A. Oates elected associational member of State Mission Board.

H. A. Cooper read report on Sunday Schools:

This is indeed an important subject when we consider the great good the Sunday school has done and is doing in training the minds and hearts of the people. It is like the powerful engine that carries its heavy load and does so much, so the Sunday school is a powerful engine for good. If carried out right it is a beacon light to guide people in the right way. The great object of the Sunday school is to teach and study God's word. Christ Himself was a great teacher and has given us the example. Now if we are obedient children we can't afford not to carry out the great plans he has planned out for us. Brethren we are not doing what we ought to do. What a grand and noble work and so few people are engaged in the grand cause. We ought to see to it that every church in the Association has a good live Sunday school. Respectfully submitted,

H. A. Cooper,
O. D. Strickland,
Committee.

Discussed by H. A. Cooper, J. M. Fleming, J. A. Oates.

Report on Periodicals read by J. A. Oates.

As our people increase in knowledge and information about what Baptists believe, and are undertaking to do in Missions, Education and Benevolence, they increase in gifts and good works generally. Our denominational literature is a great factor in building up our work, The Baptist home without a Baptist paper is not developing its inherent power. The money spent for good papers bears good interest for time and eternity. With the low price at which good Baptist literature can now be secured, every Baptist ought to keep in close touch with the doings and undertakings of our people. We commend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children and the papers and periodicals from the several boards. We urge that every Sunday school use our true and tried Baptist literature.

Respectfully,

J. A. Oates,
Junius Underwood.

Discussed by J. A. Oates, J. M. Fleming, J. L. Shinn.

On motion the Association voted to meet in 1905 at Spring Branch.

Program committee reports the following which was adopted:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:00—Miscellaneous business.
1:15—Temperance.
1:45 – Orphanage.
2:15—Associational Missions.
3:00—State Missions.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9:30—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—Miscellaneous.
10:30—Home Missions.
11:00—Minister's Relief.
11:30—Education.
12:00—Miscellaneous.

Bro. J. J. Hall read the report on Foreign Missions and Rev. J. L. Shinn report of Woman's Central Committee.

Your committee on Foreign Missions would report that we recognize the hand of God in opening nearly all lands to the Missionary of the cross, and we call upon all our churches to hear the Master's voice and give the gospel to every creature. We rejoice at the great blessing given to the labors of the Missionaries of the S. B. C. Never in our history did we have so many in the field, or so many consecrated young men and women waiting to be sent. We express our fullest confidence in the wisdom, zeal and discretion of our Foreign Mission board and ask for it the prayers and heartiest support of every Southern Baptist.

Respectfully submitted.
DR. J. J. HALL.

In the absence of the appointee the Association requested Dr J. J. Hall to preach the Missionary Sermon. The sermon was greatly enjoyed by the Association. A collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $9.48. The report was adopted.

Association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY— AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:45. Rev. D. P Robbins of the Little River Association was welcomed to a seat with us.

Letters were called for and three churches responded.

Rev. W. H. Davis from the Brushy Mountain Association was welcomed to a seat with us.

L. M. Cooper of the South River Institute, which has not been run in several years, reported, advising that the property be returned to Capt. J. L. Autry, the donor. The

Association voted that this be done by the Trustees for the Association.

Rev. J. M. Fleming read the report on Temperance.

Dear Brethren:—The Bible declares temperance to be one of the adjuncts of faith,(1 Peter1:16), therefore, we ought to give more earnest heed to the principle. The curse of intemperance in our country is advancing. We have 1,930 breweries and 4,791 distilleries, which manufacture 36,000 different kinds of liquid damnation. North Carolina is not free from her share in the accursed business.

Therefore, be it resolved, That the South River Association desires to put itself on record as favoring a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the saloon in North Carolina, and urges upon its members to use all legitimate means to bring this to pass. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Fleming,
Ruffin Strickland,
M. L. Barefoot,
Committee.

Remarks by J. M. Fleming and W. H. Davis.

Rev. W. H. Davis read the report on the Orphanage.

The Orphanage is an institution in our midst which had its beginning in earnest Christian hearts. Its purpose is to care for the homeless orphan children of North Carolina. It is an institution which God has laid upon our hearts. Its only source of income is the Baptist people of North Carolina. The institution is now passing through the bitter waters of affliction and makes a special appeal to the hearts of all Christian people. There are at present nineteen cases of fever in the institution. This institution with its 250 children is ours. Let us give to it our most hearty sympathy and support. For Christ hath said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." Respectfully submitted,

W H. Davis,
Bizzelle Howard,
J. C. Williford.

Remarks by W. H. Davis, J. J. Hall and W. B. Malloy.

The Treasurer was instructed to convey to the Orphanage that this Association pledges itself to its fullest and continued support of this institution.

By special request Rev. W. M. Page led in prayer. Cash collection for Orphanage amounting to $40.55

Rev. D. W. Tew read report on Ministerial Relief.

Brethren, in North Carolina there are many ministers of the cross of Jesus who have worn themselves out in His service, they have lived and suffered for the cause that is dearer than life itself to them, and now, because they have not counted their own lives dear unto themselves, but have given themselves, and are in need of many of the comforts of life, we urge that all the churches remember those worthy and indigent ministers in their collections.

D. W. Tew, Committee

Remarks by D. W. Tew. Report adopted.

Finance Committee made its report through D. J. Breece and report adopted.

Report on Obituaries made by Rev. M. W. Naylor.

Dear Brethren:-During this year our churches have been called upon to give up thirty-five of their members. We have attended their funerals and lamented their loss, but how have we taken their lives and deaths as lessons and warning to our hearts. Prominent were the names of

Mrs. Robert Howard, of Salem; Sister Blanche Butler, of White Oak; Andrew Cooper, of Salem; Robert Royall, of Pleasant Union; J. G. Layton, Sr., of Royall's Chapel; Martha J. Faircloth, of Elizabeth; Mrs. Floy Cooper, of Salem; W. A. Melvin, of Magnolia; Capt. A. Garrason, of Fayetteville.

M. W. Naylor,
D. W. Tew.

Report adopted.

J. W. Tomlinson read report of Committee to Nominate Executive Committee as follows: J A. Oates, J. B. Jackson, J. C. Williford, W. O. Gilbert, S. A. Howard, J. A. Underwood, E. A. Jackson. Adopted.

Rev. J. A. Dawson read report of Committee to Nominate Messengers and to preach stated sermons,

Southern Baptist Convention—J. A. Oates.

Baptist State Convention—Rev. J. M. Fleming, H. B. Howard and J. A. Oates.

Corresponding Messengers:—To Robeson Association, J. B. Downing and D J. Breece.

To Eastern Association—Junius Underwood and Rev. H. J. Duncan.

To Cedar Creek Association—Angus Bain and J. W. Tomlinson.

To Little River Association—J. C. Williford and Rev. M. W. Naylor.

To Bladen Association--John Horne and Robert Howard

To Johnston County Association—Rev. M. W. Naylor and J. M. Johnson.

Introductory sermon—Rev. R. Honeycutt. Alternate, Rev. J. M. Fleming.

Missionary sermon—Rev. W. M Page. Alternate, Dr. J. J. Hall. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Young,
J. A. Dawson.

Adopted.

H. A. Cooper was elected Assistant Moderator.

Affer sundry announcements the Association adjourned.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30. Devotional exercises led by Rev. D. W. Tew. H. A. Cooper presiding. Minutes read and approved.

The Clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services.

Rev. J. L. Shinn read report on Home Missions.

Our Home Board is doing work in all the States in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and in Cuba and Hayti. The work of this Board has been signally blessed of God. The minds and hearts of our people have been divinely drawn to it and all the work taken up by it has progressed gloriously. The Home Board, through co-operation with the State Mission Boards, has rendered valuable service in the prosecution of the State Mission work through the convention. The attendance of God's blessings upon this work demands of us hearty and strong support of it.

J. W. Tomlinson,
J. L. Shinn.

Remarks by Dr. J. J. Hall and J. M. Fleming. Pledges taken.

Report on State Missions read by Rev. J. L. Shinn.

We praise God for our increasing membership which shows the Baptists far ahead of any other religious body in the state. The Mission work is wisely organized and ably manned. Many consecrated men are preaching at many points There are numbers of other places that should be occupied. We have the men to go to these destitute points, but have not the money in the treasury. Our people have it and will give it, if our leaders will lay this work before them. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15. J. L. Shinn,

J. C. Williford.

Remarks by Rev. J. L. Shinn and Rev. D. P. Robbins. Pledges taken. Report adopted.

Special music by the Baptist Chapel Choir.

Rev. J. M. Fleming read the report on Associational Missions. Report of Executive Board read.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—With humble and grateful acknowledgement I submit my fourth annual report as Missionary of the South River Baptist Association.

It gives me unbounded pleasure to say that these four years of toil and sacrifice for the dear Master, have been the crowning joy of my life; and nothing but the will of a kind Providence could prompt me to resign the exalted position which I have tried to fill with unswerving fidelity since my connection with the Association.

Words are inadequate to express the additional pleasure that it gives me to say that the denominational outlook on the Mission field and in the Association is hopefully encouraging

Politics has played no meddlesome part this year as in the past, and as a result, the churches have not been hindered in their work.

We thank God and take courage. The gentle and quiet spirit of the people is fine, and the attendance upon all of our meetings has been good. I am glad also, to cherish the sweet reflection that, not a discordant note has been heard from any church in regard to our Associational Mission Work. Our Association is growing in grace, knowledge and influence.

Most of the churches are increasing their pledges, especially to Associational Missions, and by no manner of means asleep on the other objects.

Here is a summary of the work as compared with that of last year.

	1904	1903	Advance
Services—Sermons, etc	282	2[illegible]7	....
Churches and Outstations Visited	13	30	....
Religious Visits	423	360	63
Pages of Gospel Tracts Distributed	3,896	10,270	....
*Baptized	47	50	....
Restored	2	5	....
Received by Letter	5	12	....
Excluded	8	2	6
Dismissed by Letter	8	7	1
Died	3	4	....
Bibles and Testaments Furnished	26	2	24
Other Good Books	8	4	4
Sunday Schools Organized	6	6	...
Amount to all Objects	$338 20	$235.67	$102 53

* 44 last year and 31 this year; other churches in the Association where I held meetings.

Respectfully,

J. M. Fleming;

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Once more we are glad to be able to report a good year's work From our own observation and from the reports that have come up from the churches we believe our churches to be advancing along all lines. We are especially gratified at the quite general movement for better church houses in which to worship God.

The year's work in Associational Missions has been marked by love and fidelity on the part of the churches and the workers on the field. We refer to Missionary Fleming's report for the facts in detail. During the year Bro. Fleming preached at Beaver Dam. a mission point in Wayne county and at Calvary, Beulah, Canaan, Hickory Grove, Royall s Chapel and Roseboro. Elizabeth church paid him for his services there. In addition to this work he has been among most of the churches of the Association, holding meetings, distributing tracts and visiting the homes.

The financial report is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1903	$ 27.42
From the churches	394.10
Total,	$421.52

DISBURSEMENTS.

J. M. Fleming	$365.00	
R. Honeycutt	18.00	
Expenses	2 50	
Total,	$385.50	
Cash on hand	36.02	
	$421.52	$421.52

We regret that Bro. Fleming feels called to go to another field. His four years of labor with us has been satisfactory. We believe his work has been blessed of God and that it will abide.

During the year Bro. Robert M Royal, a member of the board has died. We miss his counsel and help and desire to express our sympathy for his wife and children in their hour of sadness.

For the new year we believe that some churches heretofore assisted by the Association can now provide for themselves. We recommend that one strong man be employed and that a portion of his time be given to building up our Sunday School work.

We ask for the following amounts from the churches for the next yoar:

Antioch	$15.00	Macedonia	$15.00
Autryville	12.50	Magnolia	12.50
Baptist Chapel	25.00	Mary's Chapel	15.00
Beulah	10.00	Mill Creek	7 50
Browns	4.00	Mt. Elim	15.00
Calvary	40.00	Piney Green	15 00
Canaan	15.00	Pleasant Union	7.50
Centre	12 50	Roseboro	20.00
Clement	15 00	Royal's Chapel	5.00
Concord	15.00	Salem	35 00
Elizabeth	12.50	Spring Branch	35.00
Fayetteville	60.00	Union Grove	12 50
Long Branch	18.00	White Oak	25.00
Hickory Grove	5.00		

That the Sunday Schools of the Association raise $50.00.

That a collection be taken at each Union meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Oates,
S. A. Howard,
J. A. Underwood,
J. C. Williford,
E. A. Jackson.

Remarks by Rev. J. M. Fleming, Rev. W. M. Page, W. B. Malloy, J. L. Shinn, J. A. Oates. Report adopted.

By motion the Association instructed that Rev. J. M. Fleming be sent to the State Convention at the expense of the Asssociation.

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society made by Rev. J. L. Shinn. Song by Choir.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of the South River Association met in their 8th annual meeting at Baptist Chapel, Oct. 21, 1904.

The report on Woman's Work for the past year was read by Rev. J. L. Shinn in connection with the report on Foreign Missions on Thursday morning, and we held Woman's meeting in the afternoon. We tried to impress on the minds of those present to give their first and best to God, and that methodical work, with perseverance and prayer, were essential to our success. In recognition of the fact that "they who would greatly shine must greatly serve," it is our aim for the year 1905 to be more deserving of the rich blessings that God is giving us. As we looked into the faces of those present, we saw there deeper interest than had been manifested in the meetings heretofore.

We trust that each one went away feeling the responsibility resting on them of doing greater work for the advancement of the Master's kingdom.

Of the fourteen societies in the Association, only nine reported The total amount reported by the societies for the year 1904 was $234 32.

While there has been only one new society organized during the past year. and while a few seem to be asleep, we thank God for what has been done, and rejoice over the advance movement of half of our societies, in regard to their aim for 1905, which is as follows: Fayetteville, $125; Fayetteville Sunbeams, $35; Salem, $56 80; Salem Sunbeams, $20; White Oak, $25; Spring Branch $50; Spring Branch Sunbeams, $1.00; Antioch, $13; Clement, $5; total $324. The Salem Society, (in addition to their other work.) decided to support a Bible woman in China for 1905.

Mrs. S. A. Howard, Vice-Pres.
Mrs. H. B. Howard, Sec.

Rev. H. J. Duncan moved the following which was adopted:

We want to express our hearty thanks to the people of Baptist Chapel church and community for their kind and generous hospitality during this Association.

Rev. D. P. Robbins read the report on Education.

We believe the Educational movement of to-day the grandest and most powerful means to uplift the masses and bring great usefulness to our people. But, while this is true, more and more should we realize that education is still the need of the hour. D. P. Robbins.

Remarks by Rev. D. P. Robbins. Report adopted. Song by Choir.

A. F. Howard added to Auditing Committee in place of J. T. Williams. Their report to be made in the minutes.

After sundry announcements the Association adjourned with benediction by Dr. J. J. Hall. Next session to be held with Spring Branch church.

J. B. DOWNING, MODERATOR.

J. A. OATES, CLERK.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—Angus Bain. D. W. Pope, Geo. H. Starling.

Autryville—L. M. Cooper, Foy Autry, John Love Autry.

Baptist Chapel—T. E. Wrench, M. O. Jackson, S. B, Page.

Beulah—J. B. Young.

Brown's—

Calvary—J M. Johnson, J. K. Hudson, W. O. Johnson.

Canaan—J M. Fleming

Centre—D W. Royall, W. R. Williams, J. T. Royall.

Clement—J. L. Autry, Isaiah McPhail, A. D. Matthews.

Concord—B. G. Bullock, E. W. Jackson.

Elizabeth—H. H. Edwards, J. H. Porter, E. K Faircloth.

Evergreen—S M. Vinson, G. N Bedsole, C. R. Carty.

Fayetteville—D. J. Breece, J. W. Tomlinson, J. A. Oates.

Hickory Grove—Rev. D W. Tew, W. O. Gilbert

Long Branch—George Autry, G W. Jolly, Sion Horne.

Macedonia—J. B. Downing, B. F. Carter, M. F. Starling.

Magnolia—W. J. Watson, M. H. Autry, I. C. Strickland.

Mary's Chapel –M. J. Bradshaw

Mill Creek—L D. Hall, J. O. Hair, F. H. Horne.

Mt. Elim—Burwell Warren. H. H. Warren, T. D. Jackson.

Piney Green—J. O. Honeycutt, A. B. McLamb, Richard Tew.

Pleasant Union—E S. Howard, Ernest Royall, Shepherd Sessoms.

Roseboro—By letter only.

Royal's Chapel—Geo. W. Honeycutt, A. J. Butler, Whitney Royal.

Salem—H. B. Howard, H. A. Cooper, Ammon Cooper.

Spring Branch—J. C. Williford, O. D. Strickland, M. W. Naylor.

Union Grove—Nathan Williams, W. B. Honeycutt. John Williams.

White Oak—H. J. Duncan, E. T. Turlington, Wiley Stephens.

ANNUAL SERMON.

Outlines of annual sermon preached by Rev. J. M. Fleming before the South River Association, Oct. 19, 1904.

Text—"The Lord hath set apart him that is Godly for Himself."—Psalms 4:3.

Subject—Sanctification.

Sanctification means to make holy, and is applied to things and not to persons only. The Sabbath Day * * * *

The house of God * * * * The vessels of the sanctuary, &c.

I. The text suggests that both Person and Life belong to God.—Rom 12:1-2.

II. Christian holiness includes both character and life.—Rom. 14:8; I Cor. 6:20; Heb 12:14.

III. Senctification is the process by which these are accomplished.—Ps. 25:14; Prov. 3:32; 4:18; Philip. 1:6.

IV. Who are the sanctified ?

(1) Those who are born of God.—John 3:5.

(2) Those who are justified by faith.—Rom. 5:1.

(3) Those who are in Christ.—Rom. 8:1.

(4) Those who are led by the spirit.—Rom. 8:14.

V. Sanctification a Reality.—Jude 1:3. Regeneration and Sanctification are instantaneous, contemporaneous and simultaneous.

VI. The How of Sanctification.—Eccl. 11:5-6.

VII. The purpose of Sanctification:

(1) For God's glory.—Philip. 2:13.

(2) For our good.—Philip. 2:14-16.

(3) To distsnguish us from superficial professors.—II Tim. 2:19; I John 2:19.

VIII. The test of Sanctification:

(1) Fruit bearing.—John 15:7-8.

(2) Fruit preserving.—John 15:10. Not absolute, but relative perfection is what our Lord means in Matt. 5:48. For a fuller illustration read vss. 43-47.

IX. The sanctity of Sanctification:

(1) The church is a sanctified body.—Eph. 5:25-27.

(2) We grow in it but not into it; and this is done by no act of the will but by fulfilling the conditions of growth.—I Peter 2:1-5; II Peter 3:18.

As the vineyard is set apart for the husbandman and it is his to gather and use the ripe fruit, so we, who are Godly, are set apart for God, and as fast as we get ripe for heaven, He takes us; and in heaven alone, perfect purity and holiness will be the portion of the believer.

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Antioch	W. H. Davis	Fayetteville	G. H. Starling	Godwin	4th Sunday
Autryville	M. A. Stephens	Cedar Creek	F. I. McKenzie	Autryvillle	1st "
Baptist Chapel	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	O. B. Tew	Cooper	2d "
Beulah	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	J. B. Young	Dunn	4th "
Browns	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	D. A. Bass	Clinton	1st "
Calvary	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	T. J. Lee	Dunn	4th "
Canaan	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	Mrs. J. T. Hudson	Beasley	3d "
Centre	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	H. S. Matthews	Wade	1st "
Clement	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	W. B. Matthews jr	Wade	4th "
Concord	M. A Stephens	Cedar Creek	L. V. Hair	Autryville	3d "
Elizabeth	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	Evander Hall	Thomas	2d "
Evergreen	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	A. D. Bledsoe	Clay Fork	4th "
Fayetteville	J. J. Hall	Fayetteville	A. H. Watson	Fayetteville	Every "
Hickory Grove	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	J. R. Strickland	Blake	1st "
Long Branch	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	H. I. Hall	Autryville	3d "
Macedonia	J. G. Fisher	Cotton	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn	1st "
Magnolia	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	I. C. Strickland	Stedman	4th "
Mary's Chapel	R. Honeycutt	Blake	W. A. McCullen	Keener	2d "
Mill Creek	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	John Horne	Mints	4th "
Mt. Elim	W. M. Page	Godwin	T. D. Jackson	Lydia	3d "
Piney Green	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	H. G. Sessoms	Latie	4th "
Pleasant Union	A. B. Stephens	Autryville	E. S. Howard	Hayne	1st "
Roseboro	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	L. G. Brock	Roseboro	2d "
Royal's Chapel	J. M. Fleming	Salemburg	C. H. Butler	Clinton	1st "
Salem	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	A. T. Howard	Salemburg	1st-3d "
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Buie's Creek	B. Holland	Dunn	1st "
Union Grove	J. L. Shinn	Salemburg	G. O. Hayes	Orange	1st "
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton	3d "

MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

CHURCHES	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total.
Antioch				9	1	2	42	53	95
Autryvillle	5	1	1	4	1		22	39	61
Baptist Chapel	14	3		3	12	3	78	119	197
Beulah	4					1	4	12	19
Browns							28	29	57
Calvary		1		2			9	22	31
Canaan				4	1		3	25	28
Centre	9	2		1	1	1	39	46	85
Clement	5	2		5	2	1	65	70	135
Concord			2	4			54	115	169
Elizabeth	11	1	2	2	1	1	48	47	95
Evergreen		3				1	25	28	53
Fayetteville		22	2	7	2	3	105	229	334
Hickory Grove					6	1	9	30	39
Long Branch			1	1	1		47	79	126
Macedonia	8		1	1	7		36	49	85
Magnolia	5	2		1		1	31	62	95
Mary's Chapel							4	30	24
Mill Creek	7	3	1	1			28	44	72
Mt. Elim	22	1	1	2			49	57	106
Piney Green	7			4		7	62	116	178
Pleasant Union							56	96	152
Roseboro		2					11	7	18
Royal's Chapel	1	1			2		11	21	32
Salem	13	10		9	1		93	115	208
Spring Branch	11	2	3	5	5	6	118	155	273
Union Grove		1		2	10	1	29	34	63
White Oak		2		4		1	39	69	108

Sunday School Superintendents and Post Offices.

	Attendance	Months Open	SUPERINTENDENTS	P. O.
Antioch	26	12	G. L. Starling	Godwin
Autryville	30	12	S. M. Cooper	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	135	8	E. A. Jackson	Cooper
Beulah				
Browns	40	9	J. C. Howard	Clinton
Calvary	10	6	J. M. Johnson	Dunn
Canaan				
Centre	65	9	H. S. Matthews	Wade
Clement	121	12	D. J. Williams	Autryville
Concord	25	9	W. H. Tripp	Stedman
Elizabeth	25	9	H. H. Edwards	Clinton
Evergreen				
Fayetteville	200	12	J. A. Oates	Fayetteviile
Hickory Grove	18	8	W. O. Gilbert	Blake
Long Branch	70	6	G. B. Bledsoe	Autryville
Macedonia	25	8	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn
Magnolia	30	12	J. B. Bryant	Stedman
Mary's Chapel				
Mill Creek	40	7	M. M. Sessons	Roseboro
Mt. Elim	86	9	S. L. Jackson	Lydia
Piney Green	120	8	H. G. Sessoms	Latie
Pleasant Union				
Roseboro	35	6	L. G. Brock	Roseboro
Royal's Chapel	12	8	C. H. Butler	Clinton
Salem	130	12	H A. Coopsr	Clinton
Spring Branch	100	12	O. D. Strickland	Giles Mill
Union Grove	48	8	H. F. Hayes	Orange
White Oak	30	9	E. T. Turlington	Clinton

	Financial Table.										Pledges for 1905		
CHURCHES.	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	orphanage.	Education	Ministers Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
Antioch	$11 62	$ 8 01	$ 5 00	$10 00	$	1 55	$	$ 1 00	$ 1 10	$ 100 00	$ 6 00	5 00	10 00
Autryville	7 86	5 05		5 11	3 58	1 00		70	15 10	85 00	5 00	5 00	10 00
Baptist Chapel	16 66	5 00	5 00	6 00	6 33	2 65		1 50	97 20	100 00	10 00	5 06	10 00
Beulah	3 81		05		45	25		20	1 80			1 00	2 00
Browns	1 00												
Calvary	28 62	25	20	1 00	40	1 05		70	6 27		10 00	1 00	1 00
Canaan	12 06	47	1 25	2 00	80	2 95			9 38			1 25	
Centre	7 39	2 20		2 38		75		1 10	33 58	60 00	1 00	1 50	
Clement	12 50	5 00	3 00	5 00		85		1 52	20 39	100 00	6 00	3 00	5 00
Concord	13 00	3 00	2 00	9 10	5 20			1 70	3 84	90 00	3 00	2 00	10 00
Elizabeth	10 60	5 04	2 80	4 00	2 76	2 15			58 73	71 15	5 00	3 00	5 00
Evergreen	1 00							31					
Fayetteville	40 00	36 84		38 19	50 00	132 26		2 50	761 89	1 100 00	40 00	50 00	150 00
Hickory Grove	25 29	25	1 00	2 10	25	1 46		25	8 09		1 00	2 00	5 00
Long Branch	10 00	3 00	2 09	3 00		1 00		1 00	6 61	50 00	3 00		3 00
Macedonia	7 50	1 00		1 21	2 00	1 10	1 07	50	126 00	50 00	5 00	2 00	3 00
Magnolia	10 00	3 00	2 00	3 00		1 00		1 12	7 08	50 00	3 00	2 00	3 00
Mary's Chapel													
Mill Creek	8 20	2 00		75	1 52			75		40 00	1 50	1 00	2 00
Mt. Elim	10 70		2 14	2 00	3 31	1 06		1 25	26 00	61 80	2 00	2 00	5 00
Piney Green	6 26	2 00		3 00				50	9 74	75 00	5 00	2 00	5 00
Pleasant Union	5 46	5 15		1 82	3 44			90			5 00		
Roseboro	3 42	21	50	1 00	1 02	45		30	5 77			1 25	
Royal's Chapel	23 74	1 35	1 00	1 25	75	1 01		20	25 25		1 00	1 00	
Salem	27 60	31 00	26 21	33 57	7 68	2 00		1 50	246 56	225 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
Spring Branch	41 12	32 23	36 28	60 91	75 11	7 00	10 00	4 00	92 35	195 00	10 00	10 00	20 00
Union Grove	7 50	1 45	25	3 91				1 30	17 30	50 00	2 00	2 00	5 00
White Oak	20 00	7 50	7 21	11 88	3 68	2 90		1 78	19 60	75 00	8 00	5 00	5 00

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of the

29th Annual Session

of the

South River Baptist Association,

Held With The

Church at Spring Branch,

—on—

October 18, 19, and 20, 1905.

OFFICERS:

J. L Autry, Moderator - Autryville, R. F. D., N. C.
J. A. Oates, Clerk - - - Fayetteville, N. C.
R. N. Butler, Treasurer - - Salemburg, N. C.

Next Meeting:

Time—October 24, 25, 26, 1906.
Place—Union Grove.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. M. W. Naylor.
Missionary Sermon—Dr. J. J. Hall.

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W. M. Page, - Falcon, N. C.
Wm. Bland, Hawley's Store, N. C.
M. A. Stephens, Autryville, N. C.
D. W. Tew, R F D 5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt, Clinton, N. C.
H. J. Duncan, - Clinton, N. C.
M. W. Naylor, Giles' Mill, N. C.
J. J. Hall, - Fayetteville, N. C.

Executive Board.

J. A. Oates, Fayetteville.
W. O. Gilbert, Blake.
J. B. Downing, Buckhorn.
J. C. Williford, Dunn.
H. A. Cooper, Salemburg.
E. A. Jackson, Cooper.
E. T. Turlington, Clinton.

Roll of Delegates.

Antioch—C. C. Strickland, B. R. Page, W. C. Pope.
Autryville—L W. Strickland, John L. Autry, W. T. Butler.
Baptist Chapel—James Jackson, W. W. Bass, E. A. Jackson.
Beulah—J. B. Young, Handy McLamb.
Browns—N. A. Dudley, R. W. Chestnutt, W. C. Howard.
Calvary—J. M. Johnson, W. O. Johnson, J. K. Hudson.
Canaan—Mrs. J. T. Hudson, Miss Vada West.
Centre—D. W. Royall, R. P. Royall, H. S. Matthews.
Clement—B. Williams, J. L. Autry, J. F. Autry.
Concord—Henry Tripp, B. G. Bullard, R. L Hall.
Elizabeth—R. L. Lewis, E. K. Faircloth.
Fayetteville—W. B. Malloy, J A. Oates, D. J. Breece, J. W. Tomlinson.
Hickory Grove—J R. Strickland, D. W Tew, J. H. Warren.
Long Branch—A. N. Hall. G. B. Bledsoe, Sion Horne.
Macedonia—J. B. Downing, M. F. Starling, M. H Sessoms.
Magnolia—J. B. Bryant, Ruffin Strickland, W. J. Jones.
Mary's Chapel—Jas. E. Bass, M. J. Bradshaw.
Mill Creek—L. D. Hall, J. O. Hair, J. G. Rayfield
Mt. Elim—W. T. Jackson, T. L. Jackson, James M. Bass
Piney Green—I. T. McLamb, J. R. Baggett, Richard Tew
Pleasant Union—I. C. Howard, R. K. Sessoms, Archie Lewis
Roseboro—
Royal's Chapel—
Salem—Dr. R. M. Squires, A. P. Howard, H. B. Howard
Spring Branch—W. I. Lee, J. C. Williford, Sr., D. H. Dixon
Union Grove—Randell Williams, W. B. Honeycutt
White Oak—R. M. Crumpler, E. T. Turlington, J. A. Underwood

Order of Business.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Selection of place of next session.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

SPRING BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH,
SAMPSON COUNTY, N. C.

October 18th, 1905.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 29th annual session at this church according to appointment. The weather was fine and the attendance very large. The association met in the splendid new church just completed at a cost of $2,500 In location, appearance and convenience it is most excellent, and is a worthy offering of the Spring Branch people.

At 11 a m Rev. L. Johnson, Secretary of the State Mission Board, spoke on State Missions, to the edification of a good audience.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p m. the association was called to order by Moderator John B Downing. Devotional exercises led by Rev. John Prevatte. Roll of churches called and 21 responded. The moderator appointed J. L. Autry, D. M. Williford and W. B Malloy as Reading Clerks, and D. J. Breece, R. M. Squires and E T. Turlington as a Finance Committee. Letters were read and delegates enrolled.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, J. L. Autry; Clerk, J A. Oates; Treasurer deferred until Thursday.

Retiring Moderator Downing escorted Moderator Autry to the chair

The following resolution by J. A. Oates, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this association express its thanks to retiring Moderator John B Downing for his years of faithful service as our presiding officer, and that we wish for him many more years of usefulness and peace and honor.

The moderator announced during the session the following committees:

Programme—J. C. Williford, J. A. Oates
Sunday Schools—J. J Hall, O. D. Strickland, James Jackson
Home Missions—E. J. Edwards, Henry Tripp
Ministers' Relief—J. W. Cobb, M W. Naylor
Orphanage—W B. Malloy, J. G. Rayfield, J. B. Bryant
Periodicals—R. M. Crumpler, J. A. Oates
Obituaries—J. B. Downing, J. A. Dawson
State Missions—H. S. Matthews, J. W. Tomlinson
Associational Missions—D. W. Tew, J. B. Bryant, C. M. Hall
Temperance—J. A. Oates, S. C. Page
Education—C. T. Tew, R. N. Butler
State of the Churches—J. J. Hall, W. M. Page

Programme committee submitted the following:

9:30—Devotional Exercises, J. W. Cobb

10:15—Home Missions
10:45—Periodicals
11:00—Missionary Sermon

Adopted.

The moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren Rev. E. J Edwards of the Wilmington Association. announced himself for the Biblical Recorder; Rev. J W Cobb from the Robeson Association, and Rev. C. T. Tew from the Eastern Association.

After announcements the association adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted at 9:30 by Rev. J. W. Cobb. Minutes read and approved. Rev. G. P. Harrill, representing the Orphanage, was welcomed to a seat. Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled. Letter from Union Grove inviting next association tabled for later consideration. Roll of delegates called. R. N. Butler elected Treasurer

Rev. E. J. Edwards read report on Home Missions:

HOME MISSIONS.

It has been the constant purpose of the Home Mission Board to give ample and thorough supervision to this department of our work. And while much has been done, much more still remains to be done. The frontier work, and work amongst the Negroes calls for enlarged contributions by our churches. The schools in the mountains of Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina still need enlargement and support. Therefore, instead of our work growing less. it daily enlarges. And your Committee would recommend that the churches of this Association increase their pledges 50 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Edwards,
W. H. Tripp.

Discussed by Rev. E. J. Edwards, Rev. G. P. Harrill. Pledges taken and report adopted.

The moderator announced committees as follows·

To Nominate Executive Board:

Antioch,	C C Strickland	Autryville,	L W Strickland
Baptist Chapel,	James Jackson	Beulah,	J B Young
Browns,	R W Chestnutt	Centre,	D W Royall
Concord,	Henry Tripp	Elizabeth,	R L Lewis
Fayetteville.	D J Breece	Hickory Grove,	D W Tew
Long Branch,	A N Hall	Macedonia,	J B Downing
Magnolia,	J B Bryant	Mary's Chapel,	J E Bass
Mill Creek,	J G Rayfield	Mt Elim.	W T Jackson
Piney Green,	I T McLamb	Pleasant Union,	C C Howard
Salemburg,	Dr. R M Squires	Spring Branch,	O D Strickland
Union Grove,	Randell Williams	White Oak,	R M Crumpler

To nominate Messengers and Preachers: C. C. Strickland, W. B. Malloy, E. K. Faircloth.

Report on Periodicals read by J. A. Oates.

PERIODICALS.

As our people increase in knowledge and information about what Baptists believe and are undertaking to do in Missions, Education and Benevolence, they increase in gifts and good works generally. Our denominational literature is a great factor in building up our work. The Baptist home without a Baptist paper is not developing its inherent power. The money spent for good papers bears good interest for time and eternity. With the low price at which good Baptist literature can now be secured, every Baptist ought to keep in close touch with the doings and undertakings of our people. We commend the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children and the papers and periodicals from our several boards. We urge that every Sunday school use our true and tried Baptist literature.

Respectfully,

R. M. Crumpler,
J. A. Oates.

Discussed by R. M. Crumpler, Rev. E. J. Edwards, Rev. G. P. Harrill, J. A. Oates, Rev. J. W. Cobb, R. N. Butler.

Rev. W. M. Page preached the Missionary sermon on "The Mission of the Churches." It was much enjoyed.

After announcements the association adjourned to 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2 p. m. Moderator appointed an auditing committee as follows: J. W. Tomlinson, Franklin Tew, W. B. Warren. Letters from Clement, Calvary and Spring Branch read. On motion the Calvary church in Johnston county was dismissed, at their own request, to unite with the Johnston County Association.

L. G. Brock and Uriah Sessoms were elected by unanimous vote as Trustees of Roseboro church.

The next session of the association was located with Union Grove church.

Rev. C. T. Tew read the report on Education:

EDUCATION.

We are glad to say there is in North Carolina a great awakening along the line of education, but while this is true we believe that as Baptists, we are not doing what we should in this important work.

To educate means to lead out and develop that which is good and desirable in the human being.

Christ the great teacher has commanded that all nations be taught and has committed this great work to his disciples. Therefore seeing the great need of education, let us rally around the standard and see to it that the boys and girls of our land have a chance to develop themselves and enjoy that abundant life which Christ came to give.

Respectfully submitted,
C. T. Tew,
R. N Butler

Remarks by Revs. C. T. Tew, J. A. Campbell, J. J. Hall. Report adopted.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board reported as follows: J. A. Oates, J. B. Downing, H. A. Cooper, J. C. Williford, W. O. Gilbert, E. A. Jackson, E. T. Turlington. Report adopted,

W. B. Malloy read the report on the Orphanage:

ORPHANAGE.

There is no institution in North Carolina which holds a larger place in the hearts of the people of our denomination than the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C.

There are now present at the Orphanage 277 children looking to us for food, clothing and education. These are our children, of our institution and the obligation is ours to see that they are properly cared for. We are glad to report no fever among the children this year.

Rev. M. L. Kesler has succeeded Rev. J. B. Boone as General Manager. At the annual meeting in July a debt of eleven thousand dollars was reported.

The Association is asked to increase the pledges to the Orphanage 50 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Bryant.
J. G. Rayfield.
W. B. Malloy,

Remarks by Revs G. P. Harrill and J. A. Campbell.

Collection taken for the Orphanage.

After sundry announcements the association adjourned.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. T. Tew. Minutes read and approved.

Report of Finance Committee made by D. J. Breece and adopted as read

Report on obituaries read and adopted. Collection taken to make Minute and Clerk Fund $35.00.

Rev. M. W. Naylor read report on Obituaries.

OBITUARIES.

Brethren: From the statistics ooming up from the churches, we find that God has called twenty-one of our members to rest, and to give unto them their rewards. Many of these were good, faithful old sisters of our churches. Sister Artilda Butler of Piney Green and two of the sisters Layton at Spring Branch, and others whose names we do not know. As death is abroad in the land, let us work while it is called today, for the night cometh when no man can work.

J. B. Downing, }
J. A. Dawson, } Com.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. W. Cobb read report on Minister's Relief:

MINISTER'S RELIEF.

This Board is located at Durham, N. C. and has for its object the care of our aged and infirm Ministers and their families who have worn themselves out in the service of our Lord and Master. God called them. They went. The cause is dearer to them than life. They have sacrificed and are now old and in need of the comforts of life. We must take care of the old heroes of the Cross We urge that all the churches increase their collections to this worthy object for the amounts received by the Board are not sufficient for the demand.

J. W. Cobb, }
M. W. Naylor, } Com.

Remarks by Rev. J. W. Cobb and Rev. M. W. Naylor. Report adopted. Cash collection of $9.38 taken for Rev. W. M Page

The Spring Branch Sunday School rendered some special music for the association

Report on Sunday Schools read by Dr. J. J. Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully report:

1st. We cannot too earnestly keep before our people the importance of this work. It is the seed-bed for the richest fruitage of Christian KNOWLEDGE, CHARACTER and SERVICE.

2. The importance of the work requires the best preparation on the part of all engaged in it.

3 We specially commend the publications of the S. S. Board of the Convention and ask that some of their papers and periodicals have a place in all our Sunday Schools.

4. We urge upon our Sunday Schools the wisdom of keeping open all the year.

J. J. Hall.

Remarks by Dr. J. J. Hall. Adopted.

Pledges taken for Minister's Relief. On motion of J. A. Oates one half the amounts received are to be given to Rev. W M. Page.

Rev. C. T. Tew read report on State Missions.

STATE MISSIONS.

We are thankful to God for the great membership of the Baptists in North Carolina and deem it the duty of the South River Association to press on to its members the urgent need for more funds to carry on this great work We recommend an increase of 50 per cent. from each church where it is possible for them to give.

Repectfully submitted,

J. W. TOMLINSON, } Com.
C. T. TEW, }

Report adopted.

Jno. A. Oates read the report on Temperance.

TEMPERANCE.

The growth of temperance sentiment all over North Carolina marks a better day in the morals of the people. The driving of the liquor traffic, under whatever name, from a community, means the lifting of a black cloud from the homes and the children. We stand squarely against all forms of intoxicating beverages, from the delusive and deceptive cider and wine press to the licensed distillery and saloon. Liquor is the Devil's own agent in pulling men down and building his cause up. We commend to our churches wholesome discipline in redeeming or excluding the men who persist in defiling their bodies with liquor.

Feeling that the hour has struck in North Carolina when the yeomanry of the State can drive the liquor traffic from the State, we urge our members to use their best powers to secure a constitutional amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic in the State.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Rev. C. T. Tew read report of Woman's Missionary Society. Accepted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We held our 9th Annual Meeting at Spring Branch church on October 19, 1905.

Eleven societies reported their work for this year. Financial report of all, $214.10. Aims for 1906 as follows: Fayetteville, $125.00: Fayetteville S. B., $35.00; Salemburg, $60 00; Salemburg S B., $20.00; White Oak, $25.00; Spring Branch, $45.00; Spring Branch S. B., $1.25; Clement, $10; Magnolia, $15; Concord, $10; Autryville, $15. Aims for all the societies for 1906, $361.25. Autryville and Magnolia reorganized.

In our annual report we had held two fifth Sunday meetings—at Salemburg and Autryville.

We dwelt on special prayer, that several years ago we were lacking in means to carry on our work; we prayed to God and He opened the Hearts of our people. Then workers were lacking, and again we made special prayer and God answered Now may we offer special prayer that our Missionaries and Native workers may have special blessings in their work, also thousands of souls may be won to Christ during 1906.

Prayer and Missions first two things in the early church, may it be so in our churches. God alone knows how replying to prayer He sent out the hundred workers asked by the China Inland Mission in 1887.

There are more martyrs than those who have poured out their blood or burned at the stake for Christ's cause—they who have poured out their lives in service and their souls in the agony of prayer that His Kingdom would come, Are we willing to do this to be a living sacrifice?

The evangelization of the world speedily depends on a revival of prayer; deeper than the need for men, deeper than the need for money is the need of world-wide-prayer. Missions have advanced slowly because piety and prayer have been lacking at home. Negligence has been for years the attitude of the church towards the power of prayer for the lost world.

Daniel and David in ancient times and many others in modern times, have made it a rule in their lives to spend the first early hours of each day in prayer, and what it meant to them and the world and what it would mean to our lives!

Fifty new missionaries were sent out last year, of these 26 were women, and many others have been appointed and sent during this.

Discussions of new plans of work and methods found helpful—"The Calendar" and "Entertainment" plans found helpful by Fayetteville and Salemburg societies.

Letters from Miss Heck, Dr. Willingham and Dr. Gray read by Mrs. Dr. Cooper, Miss Georgia Williford and Miss Annie Butler.

The appointment of an auxiliary committee to assist Vice-President in her next year's work.

At the close a distribution of F. M. Journal, Home Field and tracts—4 subscriptions taken for the Home Field.

Mrs. S. A. Howard, V. P.

Salemburg, N. C., Oct. 19, 1905.

Dr. J J. Hall offered the following resolution:

Resolved that Art. 3 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, provided that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate, and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Adopted by a vote of 21 to 1.

The following resolution from the Fayetteville church was laid on the table to come up in 1906:

We desire to express ourselves as favoring such union or co-operation of associations in this immediate section as shall strengthen us all in our Mission work, and that the churches may be mutually helpful in all Christian work.

The appointment of delegates and preachers was left to the Moderator, who named the following:

To Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. J J Hall: to Baptist State Convention, R N Butler, E T Turlington, J A Oates; to Robeson Association, J B Downing; to Eastern Asssociation, Junius Underwood: to Cedar Creek, D J Breece; to Neuse, John C Williford: to Bladen, F H Horne; to Johnson County, J B Young; Introductory sermon, M W Naylor: Missionary sermon, Dr. J J Hall.

Report of Executive Board read by J. A. Oates:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We have had another year year of God's favor in our associational work. While the Committee is charged especially with associational missions, we are gratified to see the growing interest in all our denominational enterprises, and the spirit of church building in our bounds. During the past ten years eleven new churches have been built or are now under construction. Our people are preparing for the best service in God's work.

In our association work the year has been most fruitful. The lack of ministers, which is general over the country has been felt in our association. We have not found it easy to get men for our work. Yet the work done has been most gratifying to us. There have been 31 baptisms in the mission churches, which is the best report that we have ever made to you. This work has been done with the greatest economy.

During the year, assistance was given to the churches at Beulah, Canaan, Calvary, Hickory Grove, Mary's Chapel, Roseboro and Royal's Chapel, and also special work at Brown's Some preaching has been done at Beaver Dam and Godwin School churches in Wayne county. The following report shows receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS:

Balance from 1904	$ 36 02
Received during the year	244 82
	$280 84

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. J W Cobb,	$ 13 89
" R C Sandling,	23 00
" M W Naylor,	36 00
" R Honeycutt,	39 00
" J M Page,	9 08
" S C Page,	8 00
" J M Gibbs,	5 00
" W J Yeaman,	5 00
" A I Caudle,	5 00
	$143 97
Printing Union M. Lets.	1 00
Fleming to State Con.	12 00
	$156 97

Balance on hand $123.87

There is to come out of the balance some vouchers and accounts out in the hands of Missioaries which have not been presented, which will reduce this balance down to such a point as to give the new Board only a small amount with which to tide over the winter.

Signed, J. A. Oates,
For Com.

Adopted

A vote of thanks was unanimously adopted for the kind hospitality of the people of the community in caring so well for the association.

The Clerk was allowed $10 for his services.

Dr J. J. Hall read the report on Foreign Missions as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committe on Foreign Missions would report that we recognize the hand of God in opening nearly all lands to the Missionary of the cross, and we call upon all our churches to hear the Master's voice and give the gospel to every creature. We rejoice at the great blessing given to the labors of the Missionaries of the S. B. C. Never in our history did we have so many in our field, or so many consecrated young men and women waiting to be sent. We express our fullest confidence in the wisdom, zeal and discretion of our Foreign Mission Board and ask for it the prayers and heartiest support of every Southern Baptist

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Hall.

Adopted

Rev. C. T. Tew was appointed as Associational Secretary for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Pledges were taken for State and Foreign Missions.

Most of the delegates had left the Association and the pledges were not full.

After sundry announcements the association adjourned.

J. A. OATES, Clerk. J. L. ATURY, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, provided that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate, and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give a casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total
Antioch							47	71	118
Autryville	4	6		1			23	43	66
Baptist Chapel	6	2		6	2	1	81	116	197
Beulah	8	2					7	19	26
Browns	4	3	1		1		28	29	57
Calvary	7			2		1	13	25	38
Canaan	4						4	27	31
Centre				2			37	46	83
Clement	10	3		4	1	1	65	74	139
Concord	19	1	4	1	12		54	124	178
Elizabeth	3	3	1		7	2	46	50	96
Fayetteville	24	26	3	11		2	115	250	365
Hickory Grove	8						14	35	49
Long Branch	10		1			1	50	74	124
Macedonia				2	8	1	28	47	75
Magnolia	2	1		1	3		30	66	96
Mary's Chapel					1		3	17	20
Mill Creek	13	2	1	1		2	31	57	88
Mt. Elam	15			1		1	52	74	126
Piney Green	13					4	65	122	187
Pleasant Union							56	96	152
Roseboro							11	7	18
Royal's Chapel							11	21	32
Salemburg	20	1		3	1	2	104	119	223
Spring Branch	22	3		4	1	3	119	169	288
Union Grove				1			29	33	62
White Oak	10			3			45	64	199

Sunday School Superintendents and Post Offices.

	Enrollment	Mos. Open	SUPERINTENDENTS	P. O.
Antioch	26	12	F. A. Page	Dunn
Autryville	45	12	L. M. Cooper	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	153	9	E. A. Jackson	Cooper
Beulah				
Browns	40	9	J. C. Howard	Clinton
Calvary	10	6	J. M. Johnson	Dunn
Canaan				
Centre	91	9	D. C. Matthews	Wade
Clement	127	12	D. J. Williams	Autryville
Concord	66	12	Henry Tripp	Stedman
Elizabeth	54	9	W. L. Stephens	Clinton
Fayetteville	227	12	Jno. A. Oates	Fayetteville
Hickory Grove	18	8	W. O. Gilbert	Blake
Long Branch	95	6	T. L. Hall	Autryville
Macedonia	50	8	Cyrus Carter	Buckhorn
Magnolia	81	8	Jno. B. Bryant	Stedman
Mary's Chapel				
Mill Creek	93	9	M. M. Sessoms	Roseboro
Mt. Elam	126	9	E. A. Tew	Lydia
Piney Green	68	8	C. H. McLamb	Huntley
Pleasant Union				
Roseboro				
Royal's Chapel				
Salemburg	164	12	A. P. Howard	Salemburg
Spring Branch	229	12	O. D. Strickland	Giles' Mill
Union Grove	95	8	Randell Williams	Orange
White Oak	81	9	E. T. Turlington	Clinton

Pastors and Clerks.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.	Sunday of Meeting.
Antioch	W. M. Page	Dunn	Geo. H. Starling	Godwin	4th
Autryville	M. A. Stephens	Autryville	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	1st
Baptist Chapel	J. M. Fleming	Lumberton	A. K. Page	Cooper	2nd
Beulah	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	J. B. Young	Dunn	4th
Browns	D. W. Tew	Clinton	W. C. Howard	Clinton	1st
Calvary	N. H. Gibbs	Benson	T. J. Lee	Dunn	4th
Canaan	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	J. T. Hudson	Beasley	3d
Centre	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	Mrs HS Matt'ews	Wade	1st
Clement	J. W. Cobb	Lum'er B'dge	W. B. Matthews	Wade	4th
Concord	M. A. Stephens	Autryville	L. V. Hair	Autryville	1st
Elizabeth	J. M. Fleming	Lumberton	E. D. Hall	Thomas	2nd
Fayetteville	J. J. Hall	Fayetteville	A. H. Watson	Fayetteville	Every
Hickory Grove	R. C. Sandling	Clinton	J. R. Strickland	Clinton	2nd
Long Branch	W. R. Johnson	Stedman	H. I. Hall	Autryville	4th
Macedonia	J. G. Fisher	Cotton	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn	1st
Magnolia	W. R. Johnson	Stedman	I. C. Strickland	Stedman	2nd
Mary's Chapel	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	Jas. E. Bass	Keener	2nd
Mill Creek	W. R. Johnson	Stedman	John Horne	Mints	4th
Mt. Elam	W. M. Page	Dunn	F. D Jackson	Lydia	3d
Piney Green	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	H. G. Sessoms	Huntley	4th
Pleasant Union	W. R. Johnson	Stedman	E. S. Howard	Hayne	1st
Roseboro	J. W. Cobb	Lum'er B'dge	L. G. Brock	Roseboro	2nd
Royal's Chapel	R. C. Sandling	Clinton	C. H. Butler	Clinton	1st
Salemburg	C. T. Tew	Salemburg	A. F. Howard	Salemburg	Every
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Buie's Creek	J. M. Page	Dunn	1st
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Dunn	Charlie Williams	Autryville	1st
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler.	Clinton	3d

Financial Table.

Pledges for 1906.

	Financial Table.										Pledges for 1906.				
CHURCHES.	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Canaan Church	Minister's Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Minister's Relief	Asked for Asso. Missions
Antioch	$14 29	$ 6 75	$ 1 00	$10 56	$ 1 70	$ 2 00	$	$ 1 00	$ 23 37	$ 75 00	$ 6 00	$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 2 00	$ 12 00
Autryville	7 79	5 14		6 02		2 00		1 00	67 75	85 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	10 00
Baptist Chapel	4 93	4 42	5 00	2 81	5 21		10 57	1 90	23 62	125 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	18 00
Beulah	2 70			2 00	25			30							8 00
Browns	4 25		50	50				50							2 50
Calvary	9 23	50	50	50	50	1 00		65							
Canaan	2 00			25				10							15 00
Centre	5 68	1 48		1 07				1 00	6 76	60 00		2 00	1 90	1 50	10 00
Clement	7 29			2 12			93	2 00	12 00	100 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	2 00	12 00
Concord	12 28	5 47	5 61	10 29			80	1 20	95 00	90 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	12 00
Elizabeth	3 21	3 10	2 15	4 16	2 27	1 50			12 48	80 00					10 00
Fayetteville	40 00	32 65	43 30	70 57	84 00	15 00		2 50	516 25	1,100 00	100 00	50 00	25 00	10 00	45 00
Hickory Grove	4 81			3 25				62				2 00			3 00
Long Branch	55	82		1 03				1 00		60 00					14 00
Macedonia	11 52				63	1 50		60				2 00			12 00
Magnolia	5 03	1 25	1 00	2 25				1 25		50 00		2 00		1 00	10 00
Mary's Chapel	4 55							30							15 00
Mill Creek	4 25	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	66	1 00		40 00					5 00
Mt. Elim	13 26		85	1 25	1 78	2 00		2 00	78 68	63 80	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	12 00
Piney Green	8 25		2 50	3 00	1 43	2 00		1 00	21 00	75 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	1 00	12 00
Pleasant Union	5 21			2 63	25	2 00		1 00				1 50			5 00
Roseboro	1 02			1 02											2 50
Royal's Chapel	1 24								12 35						2 50
Salemburg	15 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	19 06	5 00		1 50	197 50	400 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	5 00	27 50
Spring Branch	35 00	14 00	10 00	8 60	20 00		5 00	4 00	2,051 16	215 00	20 00	25 00	10 00	5 00	27 50
Union Grove	7 81	1 50						1 00		50 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00
White Oak	10 61	8 00	5 00	5 00	5 31	2 00		1 50	46 00	75 00	8 00	5 00	8 00	1 00	10 00

Baptist Chapel	Min. Education	$2 05	
Spring Branch	" "	5 00	
Union Grove	" "	1 00	
Clement	Min. Education	$1 50	
Concord	" "	1 05	
Elizabeth	" "	1 00	

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South River Baptist Association

1906

Thirtieth Annual Session

Held with

UNION GROVE CHURCH.

MINUTES

OF THE

30TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

UNION GROVE CHURCH

—ON—

OCTOBER 24-26, 1906.

OFFICERS:

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator,	Autryville, R. F. D., N. C.
J. A. OATES, Clerk,	Fayetteville, N. C.
R. N. BUTLER, Treasurer,	Salemburg, N. C.

NEXT MEETING:

Time—October 23, 24, 25, 1907.
Place—Elizabeth. Nearest R. R. Station: Roseboro, 6 m.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. G. A. Bain.
Missionary Sermon—Dr. J. J. Hall.

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1906.

Ordained Ministers.

W. M. Page	Falcon, N. C.
Wm. Bland	Hawley's Store, N. C.
G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C.
D. W. Tew	R. F. D. No. 5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt	Clinton, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Clinton, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Giles' Mill, N. C.
J. J. Hall	Fayetteville, N. C.

Executive Board.

J. A. Oates, Chairman	Fayetteville, N. C.
W. O. Gilbert	Blake, N. C.
J. B. Downing	Buckhorn, N. C.
J. C. Williford	Dunn, N. C.
H. A. Cooper	Salemburg, N. C.
E. A. Jackson, Secretary	Cooper, N. C.
E. T. Turlington	Clinton, N. C.

Order of Business.

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

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PROCEEDINGS.

UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHUCH,
Sampson County, N. C., Oct. 24, 1906.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 30th annual session at this church, according to invitation and appointment The weather was inclement, having been so for more than a week. The Union Grove church has a commodious new house of worship, just completed.

At 11 a. m. Rev. M. W. Naylor preached the Introductory Sermon from the text "Think on these things," Phil. IV, 8.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 p. m. the Association convened for organization. Rev. J. W. Cobb conducted the devotional exercises.

Moderator J. L. Autry appointed H. I. Hall and G. A. Bain as Reading Clerks and J. W. Tomlinson, E. T. Turlington and D. W. Tew as a Finance Committee.

The roll of churches was called and letters read and delegates enrolled.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator—J. L. Autry.
Clerk—J. A. Oates.
Treasurer—R. N. Butler.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Program—W. M. Page, J. A. Oates.
Ministers' Relief—J. W. Cobb, M. W. Naylor.
Foreign Missions—J. J. Hall, J. A. Underwood.
Sunday Schools—Henry Cooper, J. T. Williams, M. J. Bradshaw.
Obituaries—E. S. Herring, W. M. Page.
Orphanage—R. M. Crumpler, A. A. Page.
Periodicals—J. J. Hall, I. C. Howard.
Education W. L. Poteat.
Home Missions G. A. Bain.
State Missions—J. J. Hall, H. I. Hall, S. A. Howard.
Associational Missions—I. C. Howard.
Temperance—J. M. Page, W. M. Page.

To Nominate Executive Board—One from each church.
To Nominate Preachers and Messengers—Henry Cooper, E. A. Jackson.

Letters from Elizabeth and Spring Branch, asking for next sesson of Association, were tabled for later action.

The following program was adopted:

THURSDAY.

9.30. Devotional Exercises.
9.45. Miscellaneous Business.
10.00. Foreign Missions.
10.30. Education.
11.15. Sermon.

1.30. Orphanage.
2.00. Periodicals.
2.15. Home Missions.
2.45. Temperance.
3.00. Miscellaneous Business.

FRIDAY.

9.30. Devotional Exercises.
9.45. Miscellaneous Business.
10.00. Sunday Schools.
10.30. Associational Missions.
11.00. State Missions.
11.30. Obituaries.
11.45. Miscellaneous.

R. N. Butler announced himself for the "Biblical Recorder," and J. A. Oates for the "North Carolina Baptist."

On motion, the Moderator was instructed to appoint during the session men to write on the various subjects for the next session.

Moderator Autry reported to the Association the splendid work of the Hamilton Evangelistic meetings, and Dr. Hall emphasized the work with appropriate words.

Rev. J. W. Cobb read the report on Ministers' Relief.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your committee on Ministers' Relief beg leave to submit the following:—The importance of this board is emphasized in the fact that no one church is expected to take up an aged minister after his work is done(who has labored only a short time in that field, it may be, and perhaps not at all,) and care for his wants as they do for those needy members who have spent their lives and labor in such a church. They, as servants of God, many of them, spent their strength on hard fields where there was but little remuneration to them, but laid the foundations upon which we are building strong churches to day. We need a larger fund for this work, that more of the needy ones may be aided, and that many of those who are helped may be assisted more liberally. The receipts from the churches last year were $2,120.85. One-third of this amount was placed to the Permanent Interestbearing Fund. This is done every year. Twenty-six persons were aided by this board last year.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." It is recommended that at Christmas all of our churches take a collection for this purpose.

COMMITTTEE.

The report was adopted after discussion by J. W. Cobb.

On motion, it was resolved that one-half the amount raised by this Association for Ministers' Relief be given to our aged brother, Rev. W. M. Page.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30. Devotional exercises were led by Henry Cooper. The roll of churches was called. The minutes were read and approved.

President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest, was welcomed to a seat. Rev. J. M. Page, of the Eastern Association, was welcomed to a seat.

Dr. J. J. Hall read the report on Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully call your attention to the last annual report of our efficient Secretary, Rev. R. S. Willingham, inwhich he says:—"The year has been one of continued prosperity and advancement. In the home land the churches have contributed more than ever before, the aggregate of our gifts being $315,248 45, against $283,415.88 last year." We are also glad to report that our missionaries are being most wonderfully blessed by God in their labors, so that during the Conventional year there were on our mission fields 2,445 baptisms—far surpassing the number of any former year.

It is also a cause for rejoicing that scores of young people in our Southland are knocking at the door of our board, saying, "We are willing to go; send us " Many of these are in our churches and schools. Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest to send forth more laborers.

Look on the Fields:—

CHINA is our earliest mission field. It is by the very nature of things, with its antiquated philosophy, religion and prejudice, a most difficult field for the missionary. Morrison lived and labored there for twenty-seven years, and died leaving but four converts. After ten years more there were six converts in all, while in our missions alone there were last year in China 1,003 baptisms, and to-day the whole of that mighty empire is being shaken by Christianity.

AFRICA has long been called "The Dark Continent," and ignorance, superstition and cruelty run riot. But the tears, the blood, the money have not been in vain. A brighter day is dawning for poor Africa. Last year our missionaries baptized 216 happy converts, and we believe that ere long such scenes as were witnessed in Telugu will be repeated in long-suffering Africa.

We must glance at our mission fields in JAPAN, the Sunrise Empire, the little David Nation, that felled the Russian Goliath and astonished the world. There the gate of opportunity is flung wide open We are welcomed, and God calls us to enter now with the gospel of Jesus Christ, "the Son of Righteousness."

If we turn from Pagan to Papal fields it will be seen we have entered ITALY, BRAZIL, MEXICO and ARGENTINA. Showers of blessings have fallen upon our labors for the Lord in Brazil. Last year 910 were there baptized by our missionaries, and a gracious work continues in that country. Roman Catholic lands need the light which streams from an open Bible and to be shown the way of truth, of righteousness and of life.

We recommend :—

1. A broader, a more comprehensive acqutaintance with mission work, the world over, by our people. This will come largely through our publications. Especially do we commend "The Foreign Mission Journal."

2. Much prayer for the work and the workers. "Ask of Me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" We know no better way to keep burning missionary zeal and love in the heart, in the home, in the church and in the Sunday school than that of prayer.

3. More generous giving for this great end. First of our means. Salaries must be paid; outfits and ocean passages are costly, but God has placed the means in the hands of His people. But also we should give our thought, our time and, if God should call for them, our sons and our daughters to the evangelization of a lost world.

We further recommend that, to give our action a practical turn, we earnestly advise that this Association raise by its churches a sum of money sufficient to support a missionary—the sum required being $600.00. J. J. HALL.

The report was tabled to come up just before the Missionary sermon.

Dr. W. L. Poteat read the report on Education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—In the constitution of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention adopted upon its original organization, the education of young men called of God and approved by their churches to preach the Gospel was stated as one of the prime objects of that organization The convention is still pledged to the education of its ministry through the Board of Education, located at Wake Forest College Through all the years the Lord's blessing has signally rested upon this board's work It has for the present year adopted 52 beneficiaries. It undertakes to meet certain of the expenses of young ministers approved by their churches and unable out of their own resources to go through college. Of course the board is able to use in this way only the money which the churches put into its hands. Dr. W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest, N. C., is the efficient corresponding secretary of the board.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.—Baptist churches are the most democratic of organizatious, and they have been, accordingly, heartily in favor of providing the means of elementary education, free of cost, to all the people. We rejoice in the improvement of the public school system in our State and the more ample appropriation to the schools from the general fund and from local taxation. A democratic government is dependent upon popular enlightenment for its efficiency and safety.

BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.—Our churches, in their capacity as Christian bodies and as a means of advancing the Kingdom to which they are committed, have united to establish institutions to carry the educational process beyond the elementary stage provided in the public school system. Many of the associations have built and equipped high schools, and there are many private schools of similar grade, more or less directly under Baptist control, for the education of our boys and girls. They are now numerous enough to be in easy reach of all our people. For the higher education of our girls we are glad to commend the Oxford Seminary, though owned by individuals, is distinctly serving our denomination with efficiency. The Chowan Baptist Institute and the Baptist University for Women are controlled by trustees for the convention. The University is our largest and best equipped institution. It is taxed about to its capacity with students. Never before has Wake Forest College proposed so rich a culture to our young men; never before has it been so well provided with men and facilities to supply it. And the young men are crowding its halls. The present enrollment is 340, which is 40 in advance of the highest enrollment hitherto. The college can get as many students as it can provide for wisely and well. The time has come for enlargement, and the convention has recommended to the churches the addition of $150.000 to its present endowment. This effort is commended to the brethren of this Association. W. L. POTEAT, Committee.

The report was discussed by W. L. Poteat and adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was taken up, and Dr. J. J. Hall preached the Missionary Sermon; text, John 10: 16.

Pledges amounting to $605.50 were taken for Foreign Missions, and the report was adopted. A collection amounting to $6.24 was taken.

The Association adjourned for one hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2 p. m. The next session was located at Elizabeth.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board recommended the following:—J. A. Oates, W. O. Gilbert, J. B. Downing, J. C. Williford, H. A. Cooper, E. A. Jackson. The report was adopted.

R. M. Crumpler read the report on the Orphanage.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., is a Baptist institution, and is very near the hearts of our denomination. The number of children is increasing every year, and this calls fer increasing contributions to the institution. We hope that the churches of this Association will look well after this worthy object, and never let the work lag. Dear brethren, this is OUR family of orphan children, and, with the help of the Master, let's never let them suffer. "As oft as ye do it unto the least of one of these little ones, my brethren. ye do it unto Me."

R. M. Crumpler, } Committee.
A. A. Page,

After discussion by R. M. Crumpler and W. R. Johnson pledges were taken amounting to $315.00, and the report was adopted.

Dr. J. J. Hall read the report on Periodicals.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Whereas, the cause of popular and special education has so wonderfully increased within the past ten years, it is necessary that more than ever our people be a reading people, affording every opportunity to the Sunday schools and the homes for the printed page to enter. We have reason to be grateful that the denominational papers of our state stand to the very front for the great religious movements now taking place; and we do heartily commend the "Biblical Recorder," the "North Carolina Baptist" and "Charity and Children" to our people. It is not possible to overestimate the importance of supporting our own literature, strengthening the hands and cheering the hearts of those who publish the same. We also wish that the "Foreign Mission Journal" was in all our churches and the "Home Field" in all our Sunday schools.
J. J. Hall

The report was discussed Dr. by J. J. Hall, J. W. Cobb, J. A. Oates, Henry Cooper and W. R. Johnson, and then adopted.

Dr. J. J. Hall read the report on Home Misions.

HOME MISSIONS.

Whereas, our Home Mission Board has this great Southland with its golden opportunities for its special field, we earnestly commend it and all its work to our churches. It works in the mountain regions. It operates in the large cities, especially among the immigrants and the neglected. It fosters weak churches during the critical years of their history. It has taken a new departure in evangelistic labor; and Wilmington, of our state, is the first city to be blessed by this special agency. Its work among the negroes of the South will help to solve the most serious problem that confronts us. Never was the call louder nor the outlook brighter for this board.
G. A. Bain.

Remarks were made by J. A. Oates and J. J. Hall, pledges taken, and the report adopted.

Rev. J. M. Page read the report on Temperance.

TEMPERANCE.

We are glad to note the great progress in temperance laws and sentiment in our state. We are only on our way to success. We must not stop or slacken our efforts to obtain better temperance laws and to increase sentiment to enforce them. We recommend that this Association go on record as favoring a Constitutional Amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors.

J. M. Page,
W. M. Page.

Remarks were made by Rev. J. M. Page, and Rev. W. M. Page, and the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed Henry Cooper and E. A. Jackson as a committee to select preachers for the next session and delegates to the conventions and sister associations; and S. A. Howard and H. B. Howard as Auditing Committee.

E. S. Herring read the report on Obituaries.

OBITUARIES.

Dear brethren, during this year our churches have been called upon to give up 24 of their members. We have attended their funerals and lamented their loss, but how have we taken their lives and deaths as lessons and warnings to our hearts? Prominent were Mrs. W M. Page, of Antioch; Mrs. H. B Howard and Mrs. J. E. Howard, of Salemburg: Mrs. J. C. Howard, of Brown's; Sister Lizzie Faircloth and L. M. McLemore, of Elizabeth; Mrs. W. B. Malloy, Mrs. Susan Layton, Mrs. Annie Parrish.

Rev. W. M. Page,
E. S. Herring.

The Association adjourned at 4 p. m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Robert N. Butler. The minutes were read and approved.

Henry Cooper read the report on Sunday Schools.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday school is a great factor for good in training the minds and hearts of the people It is really the church at work The great object of the Sunday school is to teach and study God's Word. Christ Himself was a great teacher. He often sat with His disciples on the Sabbath day and taught them. He commanded His disciples to go teach all nations. The same commission applies to [illegible] if we are truly His disciples. We urge and insist that every church in our Association be an evergreen Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A Cooper,
J. T. Williams,
M. G. Bradshaw.

After discussion by Secretary Hight C. Moore, J. W. Cobb, J. L. Autry, W. R. Johnson and H. A. Cooper the report was adopted.

Secretary Hight C. Moore, of the Sunday School work, was welcomed to the Association.

J. A. Oates read the report of the Executive Board.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The year just closed has been a gracious one in the work of the Association. There has been the most beautiful Christian co-operation and harmony, and the result is evidenced by a marked growth all along the lines. It is worthy of note that in the past 15 years 15 new churches have been built in the Association, or are now in course of construction. We note with pleasure the increased contributions. They far exceed, for the general objects of the convention, anything in the past The pledges at this session have thus far aggregated more than double the pledges of one year ago. We trust that the objects of the Convention and Associational Missions will aggregate for the coming year $2,000. During the past year work has been done under the direction of the board at Canaan, Beulah, Mary's Chapel, Brown's, Royal's Chapel and Roseboro, where we assisted the churches in maintaining a pastor. To Canaan and Roseboro especially we call your attention. Those two churches, after years of struggle, are now prospering, and bid fair to soon be self-sustaining. Roseboro had 14 additions this year, and Canaan 8 The other work is in good condition We have also maintained preaching at Godwin's Schoolhouse in Wayne county, and look forward to the organization and building of a church at this point during the coming year.

Our financial report is as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1905	123 87	
Received during the year	250 70	374 57

EXPENDITURES.

Paid J. W. Cobb	51 03	
Paid T. J. Hood	93 75	
Paid J. M Page	90 00	
Paid R. Honeycutt	69 50	
Paid N. H. Gibbs	9 00	
Paid R. C. Sandling	8 00	
Paid postage, etc	55	321 83
Balance on hand		$ 52 74

We have also on hand a special fund for building and repairs amounting to $12.23.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The report was discussed by J. W. Cobb.

The report from the Women's Missionary Societies was read.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK.

The tenth Associational meeting of the Missionary Societies met in the school building at Union Grove church on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 25, 1906. Devotional services were led by the Vice-President and a few thoughts were uttered in regard to the thanksgiving that should fill our hearts with praise for what has been accomplished; of the possibilities that stretch out before us; of the responsibilities that rest upon us; of our duty to continually pray and labor, study and give, and pray that our hearts and our whole church be filled with mission zeal. Letters from Dr.Willingham,Dr.Gray and Dr. Frost were read by Mrs. Ella K. Royall, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Howard. The life and works of Dr. R. H. Graves, our missionary of 50 years in China, were comment-ed on by the Vice-President. Eleven societies reported as follows:

White Oak	$ 30 90
Fayetteville	120 95
Salemburg	61 83
Salemburg Sunbeams	21 20
Salemburg Y. L. M. C. Club	2 70
Spring Branch	56 65
Autryville	17 25
Concord	13 10
Clement	7 10
Center	7 00
Magnolia	5 75

Antioch sent no report, but had reported to me during the year $1.50. The above amounts, with what has been reported to me during the year, (much of which was not included in letters sent in to the Association, but as reported to me from all the societies for 1906), foot up $403.53 Our aim for 1907 is $425. We rejoice in the fact that our Association has decided to give $600 00 for the support of a missionary. We feel sure that the missionary societies of just two or three of our churches can, and will, raise $100.00, as the society of just one church has given $48.03 this year to Foreign Missions, and the societies of just three of our churches have given this year for the same cause the sum of $109.87. "Our Mission Fields" is recommended to all the societies. Subscriptions are taken for "Our Home Mission Field" and the "Foreign Mission Journal." We will meet with the Association next year.

(Mrs.) S. A. Howard,
Salemburg, N. C., Oct. 25, 1906. Vice-President.

Dr. J. J. Hall read the report on State Missions.

STATE MISSIONS.

"Beginning at Jerusalem" sounds down the ages and startles us to-day as an earnest appeal for us here in the State of North Carolina to "strengthen those things which remain" and reach forth to greater things for our Lord and Saviour. None could ask for a more inviting field than is presented in the Old North State. Truly, the harvest is great. No State is advancing more rapidly to the front in the commercial world than North Carolina. Her unbounded forests hold present and future wealth; her mines are rich with minerals; her water-ways not only connect parts with parts, but make her fisheries famous the world over; her soils are suitable to so many products that should there be a failure to one crop there often will be an abundance of other kinds of crops. But North Carolina is forging to the front in her factories and mills. Her cities are enlarging and her population is greatly increasing. The wealth of North Carolina must be found in her men, women, youth and children, and every claim should be made for the physical, mental, moral and religious uplift of all her people.

It is here that the work of "State Missions" is of such vital importance. Nothing can take its place. It holds out a helping hand to the people of this great State.

It is encouraging to see that this important work, under the skillful guidance of our Corresponding Secretary Livingston Johnson, is gaining a greater hold upon our people. There were more missionaries in the employ of the board last year than ever before; there were more conversions and baptisms by these missionaries than ever before, and there was more money contributed to the board for its work than ever before.

But we have the sadness to report that these contributions not only fall far short of what they ought to be, but are lamentably small, and in some instances most insignificant. This will be seen by noting the following facts issued by Livington Johnson the 6th day of last month: "Only six associations in the State report a contribution from each church to State Missions, while SIX ASSOCIATIONS report NOTHING from any church for this great object" What shall we say to this? Surely the evangelization of North Carolina should appeal to every Baptist in this State. We are glad the board is reaching out for $5,000 more this year than any previous year. To this let us say "Amen," and help hasten when Jesus shall be enthroned by all the people of this goodly State.
J. J. HALL.

After discussion by Dr. J. J. Hall and H. C. Moore pledges were taken and the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following to write reports at next session:

Foreign Missions—S. A. Howard.
Home Missions—J. J. Hall.
State Missions—R. M, Crumpler.
Orphanage—G. A. Bain.
Ministers' Relief—M. W. Naylor.
Sunday Schools—Henry Cooper.

H. A. Cooper. for the committee, reported as follows:

Introductory Sermon—Rev. G. A. Bain.
Missionary Sermon—Dr. J. J. Hall.
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—Dr. J. J. Hall —alternate, J. A. Oates.
Delegates to State Convention—Rev. G. A. Bain, J. L. Autry, E. T. Turlington.

This report was adopted.

The Clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services.

Rev. J. W. Cobb offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we thank Union Grove Church and the people of the community for their kind and generous hospitality.
J. W. COBB.

Dr. J. J. Hall conducted the closing exerercises. Adjournment.

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator.

J. A. OATES, Clerk.

Delegates.

Antioch—Geo. W. Starling, B. R. Page, W. C. Page.
Autryville—L. M. Cooper.
Baptist Chapel—J. T. Williams, A. A. Page, G. A. Daniel, Evander Jackson.
Beulah Handy McLamb, J. B. Young.
Brown's—B. H. Underwood, Henry Jordan, J. A. Underwood.
Canaan—By letter.
Centre—W. R. Williams, D. B. Lockamy, A. B. Royall.
Clement—J. T. Williams, Fred Matthews, J. F. Autry.
Concord—W. B. Horne, J. B. Bedsole, C. W. Nunnery.
Elizabeth—E. H. Faircloth, J. H. Porter, J. E. Rich.
Fayetteville—J. A. Oates, D. J. Breece, J. W. Tomlinson, J. F. Hightower, W. B. Malloy.
Hickory Grove—A. A. Jackson, D. W. Tew, W. O. Gilbert.
Long Branch—A. N. Hall, Mark Carter, W. T. Hall, T. L. Hall.
Macedonia—J. B. Downing, M. F. Starling, S. S. Faircloth.
Magnolia—J. B. Bryant, J. H. Bryant, C. C. Strickland.
Mary's Chapel—J. E. Bass, M. J. Bradshaw.
Mill Creek—J. O. Hair, John Horne, W. A. Horne.
Mt. Elam—B. Warren, D. H. Jackson, J. R. Tew, R. P. Jackson.
Piney Green—W. C. Tew, J. A. Royal, A. Tyndall.
Pleasant Union—I. C. Howard, Daniel Parker, Archie Lucas.
Roseboro—A. M. Butler, S. J. Garvin, R. J. Leggett.
Royal's Chapel—A. J. Butler, Wm. Butler, W. Royal.
Salemburg—A. F. Cooper, S. A. Howard, R. M. Squires, A. P. Howard.
Spring Branch—Owen Williford, J. C. Williford, M. W. Naylor, Frank Tew, G. A. Bain.
Union Grove—Randle Williams. W. B. Honeycutt, Charlie Williams.
White Oak—R. M. Crumpler, E. S. Herring, A. C. Crumpler.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Oct. 20, '05—Oct. 24, '06.

Receipts from all sources		$527 65
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Paid J. A. Oates, minutes and clerk	35 00	
" W. M. Page, Ministers' Relief	9 38	
" E. T. Turlington, Asso. Missions	184 67	
" G. P. Harrell, Orphanage	7 48	
" Treasurer B. S. C.	219 03	
" Orphanage.	51 90	
" Caaaan Church	1 00	
" For Duke Church.	12 09	
" postage, etc.	1 44	521 99
Balance		$ 5 66

R. N. Butler.

Approved:—
A. P. Howard,
H. B. Howard.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, provided that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate, and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Art 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Art. 5 The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by balot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting and shall continue in office until their successors are elected

Art. 6 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give a casting vote in case of tie.

Art. 7 It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9 The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petitition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, a such at place as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

PASTORS AND CLERKS

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Sunday of Meeting
Antioch	T. J. Baker	Parkton	Geo. H. Starling	Godwin	1st
Autryville	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	1st
Baptist Chapel	J. M. Flemiug	Lumberton	A K. Page	Cooper	2nd
Beulah	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	J. B. Young	Dunn	4th
Browns	J. M. Page	Clinton	W. C. Howard	Clinton	4th
Canaan	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	Hrs. J. T. H dson	Beasley	3rd
Centre	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	H S. Matthews	Wade	1st
Clement	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Biidge	W. B. Matthews	Wade	4th
Concord	M. A. Stephens	Lumberton	L. O. Hair	Autryville	2nd
Elizabeth	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	H. H. Edwards	Parkersburg	2nd
Fayetteville	J. J. Hall	Fayetteville	A. H. Watson	Fayetteville	Every
Hickory Grove	R. C. Sandling	Clinton	J R. Strickland	Clinton	2nd
Long Branch	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	H. T. Hall	Hayne	4th
Macedonia	John Prevatt	Buie	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn	4th
Magnolia	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	W. J. Watson	Stedman	4th
Mill Creek	W. R. Johnson	Stedman	John Horne	Mints	3rd
Mary's Chapel	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	J. E. Bass	Keeners	2nd
Mt. Elam	W. M. Page	Dunn	T. D. Jackson	Lydia	3rd
Piney Green	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	H. G. Sessoms	Huntley	1st
Pleasant Union	C. T. Tew	Salemburg	E. S. Howard	Hayne	1st
Royal's Chapel	J. M. Page	Clinton	C. H. Butler	Clinton	3rd
Roseboro	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	L. G. Brock	Roseboro	4th
Salemburg	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	A. F Howard	Salemburg	Every
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Buies Creek	J. M Page	Dunn	1st
Union Grove	W. M. Page	Dunn	Chas. Williams	Autryville	1st
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton	3rd

MEMBERSHIP TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total
Antioch	......	......	1	4	1	1	47	70	117
Autryville	5	1	......	2	......	......	25	41	66
Baptist Chapel	5	1	......	2	3	2	74	119	193
Beulah	2	......	......	......	......	......	7	21	28
Browns	1	6	......	5	3	1	27	27	54
Canaan	5	6	......	1	......	......	9	32	41
Centre	......	......	......	1	......	......	37	46	83
Clement	18	2	1	......	......	2	68	90	158
Concord	......	2	......	3	......	3	54	121	175
Elizabeth	3	......	......	......	2	2	47	42	89
Fayetteville	9	24	......	12	......	8	101	210	311
Hickory Grove	......	......	......	......	......	......	13	34	47
Long Branch	....	1	......	......	......	1	50	80	130
Macedonia	......	......	1	......	......	......	26	47	73
Magnolia	2	1	1	1	......	......	27	65	92
Mill Creek	......	......	......	2	1	......	28	54	82
Mary's Chapel	......	......	......	......	......	1	3	13	16
Mt. Elam	11	......	2	3	3	......	51	81	132
Piney Green	10	2	......	3	1	1	62	123	185
Pleasant Union	......	......	......	4	2	3	20	33	53
Royal's Chapel	......	......	......	2	......	......	8	19	27
Roseboro	......	12	1	......	......	......	16	13	29
Salemburg	11	4	....	4	4	2	100	115	215
Spring Branch	15	3	1	5	5	2	123	173	296
Union Grove	10	1	1	1	4	......	26	21	47
White Oak	......	......	......	14	4	....	36	56	92

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES

	Enrollment	Months Open	Superintendents	Post Offices
Antioch	46	12	B. R. Page	Dunn
Autryville	50	12	L. M. Cooper	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	106	8	J. T. Williams	Cooper
Beulah	65	8	J. B. Young	Dunn
Browns	53	6	J. A. Underwood	Clinton
Canaan	......	......	......	......
Centre	105	9	D. C. Matthews	Wade
Clement	138	12	J. T. Williams	Wade
Concord	66	12	W. B. Horne	Autryville
Elizabeth	54	......	H. H. Edwards	Parkersburg
Fayetteville	297	12	Jno. A. Oates	Fayetteville
Hickory Grove	46	6	J. H. Warren	Clinton
Long Branch	74	6	T. L. Hall	Autryville
Macedonia	35	6	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn
Magnolia	66	12	J. B. Bryant	Stedman
Mill Creek	70	7	M. M. Sessoms	Roseboro
Mary's Chapel	......	......	......	......
Mt. Elam	105	9	W. T. Jackson	Lydia
Piney Green	92	8	I. T. McLamb	Huntley
Pleasant Union	85	12	......	......
Royal's Chapel	108	12	Miss Lula Layton	Clinton
Roseboro	57	......	......	......
Salemburg	188	12	A. P. Howard	Salemburg
Spring Branch	117	12	O. D. Strickland	Cilis' Mill
Union Grove	112	......	Randall Williams	Orange
White Oak	62	9	E. T. Turlington	Clinton

	FINANCIAL TABLE.										PLEDGES FOR 1907.				
CHURCHES.	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Sunday School Missions	Minister's Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Asked for Associational Missions
Antioch	$ 8 97	$ 6 02	$ 7 83	$ 10 68	$ 6 17	$	$ 2 00	1 00	10 54	$ 100 00	$ 8 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	8 00	12 00
Autryville	2 50	2 22			10 00			1 00	12 50	61 54	10 00			5 00	10 00
Baptist Chapel	9 75	8 32	11 52	18 84	52 89	6 08	4 29	2 00	44 05	125 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	25 00	18 00
Beulah	4 35			2 00	25			10							8 00
Brown's	2 50	1 50	85	1 75	7 20		80	65		75 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	2 50
Canaan	4 00			2 00						21 00					15 00
Centre	7 48	2 70	1 87	4 51	1 62	29 85		90	10 47	60 00	5 00	2 50		5 00	10 00
Clement	6 46	3 00		5 00	3 15		2 00	2 00	20 00	100 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 00
Concord		10 10	8 86	10 49	5 45			1 00		90 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	12 00
Elizabeth	3 21	2 83	1.00		1 75			1 00		60 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	10 00
Fayetteville	47 50	40 00	55 00	207 73	108 39	2 00	12 50	2 50	150 00	1280 00	275 00	60 00	40 00	100 00	45 00
Hickory Grove								75		40 00	5 00				3 00
Long Branch	7 40			2 80	3 05			1 50		60 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	14 00
Macedonia	8 43							1 10	12 00	60 00	5 00				12 00
Magnolia	7 13	4 91	1 32	6 14	4 40		1 52	1 25		50 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	10 00
Mill Creek	5 00	1 00	75	1 10	90		50	75			10 00		2 00	2 00	15 00
Mary's Chapel	1 65							50							5 00
Mt. Elam	17 95	4 00		1 50					23 05	61 90	10 50	5 00	5 00	15 00	12 00
Piney Green	7 56	5 00	3 00	5 00			1 00	1 00	20 00	75 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 00
Pleasant Union	3 07	1 09	4 52	3 12							5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Royal's Chapel	3 00		1 50	2 50					6 25	48 00	1 00				2 50
Rosebro	75			75	2 00			50			10 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	2 50
Salemburg	23 76	46 33	45 00	77 22	29 18			1 50	45 00	4 0 00	80 0	40 00	45 00	35 00	27 50
Spring Branch	27 50	15 75	26 42	101 65	60 00	2 50	5 00	4 00		235 00	100 00	26 00	20 00	60 00	27 50
Union Grove	8 00	1 85		2 21	2 60			75		60 03	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	10 00
White Oak	18 00	16 00	15 00	20 00	12 54		1 70	1 00		75 00	10 00	6 00	8 00	10 00	18 00

Salemburg..............Min. Education......$ 2 62
Spring Branch......... " " 3 24

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SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1907

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

ELIZABETH CHURCH

MINUTES

OF THE

31ST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

ELIZABETH CHURCH

—ON—

OCTOBER 23-25, 1907.

OFFICERS;

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator, - Autryville, R. F. D., N. C.
J. A. OATES, Clerk, - - - Fayetteville, N. C.
R. N. BUTLER, Treasurer, - - Salemburg, N. C.

NEXT MEETING:

Time October 21, 22, 23, 1908.
Place—Pleasant Grove. Nearest R. R. Stations: Fayetteville, 5 miles; Vander, 2 miles.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. A. Humphrey.
Missionary Sermon—Pastor Salemburg Church.

N. C. BAPTIST PUB, CO,
FAYETTEVILLE.
1907.

Ordained Ministers

W. M. Page	Fayetteville, N. C.
Wm. Bland	Hawley's Store, N. C.
G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C.
D. W. Tew	R. F. D. No. 5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt	Clinton, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Clinton, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Giles' Mill, N. C.
J. J. Hall	Fayetteville, N. C.
O. P. Meeks	Fayetteville, N. C.
W. A. Humphrey	Fayetteville, N. C.

Executive Board

J. A. Oates, Chairman	Fayetteville, N. C.
C. C. Bullard	Fayetteville, N. C.
J. B. Downing	Buckhorn, N. C.
J. C. Williford, Secretary	Dunn, N. C.
H. A. Cooper	Salemburg, N. C.
E. T. Turlington	Clinton, N. C.
R. J. Leggett	Roseboro, N. C.

Order of Business

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Report of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

To Church Clerks and Treasurers

Money collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministers' Relief, Ministerial Education and the Orphanage may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with Associational mission money to the Unions or Association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church, and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH,
Sampson County, N. C.,
October 23, 1907.

The South River Baptist Association met in its thirty-first annual session at this church, according to invitation and appointment, with the favor of exceptionally fine weather.

At 11 a. m. Rev. G. A. Bain preached the introductory sermon from James 4:8.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 p. m. the Association was convened for organization. Rev. J. M. Fleming conducted the devotional exercises.

Moderator J. L. Autry appointed E. T. Turlington, Robt. N. Butler and Rev. M. W. Naylor as Finance Committee, and J. B. Downing and Rev. G. A. Bain as Reading Clerks.

The roll-call of the churches showed a majority present. The following officers were elected:

Moderator—J. L. Autry.
Clerk—J. A. Oates.
Treasurer—Robt. N. Butler.

An invitation was extended to corresponding messengers and visitors, when the following responded and were welcomed: Evangelist B. Craig, on behalf of State Missions; Rev. J. M. Page, of the Eastern Association; Rev. John Prevatte, of the French Broad; Rev. J. W. Cobb and Rev. J. M. Fleming, of the Robeson. They were recognized as visitors.

A petitionary letter from Pleasant Grove church in Cumberland county, to unite with the Association, was received and the right hand of fellowship extended.

On motion, State Missions was made a special order for 10 o'clock Thursday.

A very cordial invitation from Bro. H. J. Cooper was extended to the Executive Board.

Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock to-morrow. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Cobb.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9:30. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. M. Page, of Clinton. The minutes were read and approved.

By request of Treasurer R. N. Butler, and on motion of Rev. G. A. Bain, Henry Cooper was elected Assistant Treasurer.

Roll of churches called.

The special order of State Missions coming just at this hour, the Association was addressed by Rev. Braxton Craig, representing State Missions. The following new and visiting brethren were recognized: Rev. E. Lee Fox, a new pastor in the Association; Rev. M. L. Kesler, General Manager of the Orphanage; Rev. O. P. Meeks, of Fayetteville.

The report on State Missions was read.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

To the South River Association, in session with the church at Elizabeth, 1907:—Having been appointed at the last session of your body to prepare the report on State Missions, I beg leave to submit the following:

We have great cause for profound gratitude to God for the wonderful success attending the work of Missions in our state. Not many years ago many sections of our state were destitute of Baptist preaching. In many counties there was no Baptist preacher and no Baptist preaching at the county seat. Now there is a Baptist church at almost every county seat, and, as the writer believes, Baptist preaching in every county in the state. This is the result, very largely, of the labors of our State Missionaries. At fifty of these county seats there is regular Baptist preaching sustained, in whole or in part, by appropriations from our State Missions fund. We have about 160 Missionaries in the field, preaching in 42 or 43 Associations There was reported as raised for this fund last year about $33,000, 2,876 conversions, and 2,114 baptisms; 21 houses of worship were completed, and 66 in course of construction.

It is a matter for regret that our own Association has not done as much in this work as we ought to have done But an examination of the minutes will show that we are making progress, and it is hoped that at no distant day we will come up to the full measure of our duty. It is respectfully suggested to the Association to urge upon all our ministers and other laborers to frequently call the attention of the churches to the importance of this matter, and insist upon regular and systematic contributions. Respecfully submitted, R. M. CRUMPLER.

The report was adopted after discussion.

Pledges taken for State Missions, showing an advance of 55 per cent. over last year.

Brother Kesler made announcement for Charity and Children.

Dr. J. J. Hall preached the missionary sermon.

Pledges taken for Foreign Missions, showing a great advance.

The Moderator asked that a committee of one from each church meet during the noon hour and select an Executive Committee.

After sundry announcements the Association adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2:30 o'clock.

The next session of the Association was located at Pleasant Grove.

The special order having arrived, the report on the Orphanage was read.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville, N, C., is a Baptist institution, and is very near the hearts of our denomination. On the evening of Nov. 13,1884,the N C. Baptist Orphanage Association was organized The Orphanage merits our heartiest sympathy and most liberal support because of its mission. Its purposes, just so far as Baptist love and support will enable, are to furnish a home and training for every orphan in North Carolina. With great, overflowing hearts of love the manager and his corps of teachers endeavor to supply to homeless, friendless little ones the parental love and watch-care. They pray and struggle to keep before these little ones life's highest ideals and purposes The Orphanage is making manhood, character and Christians who wlll add grace and beauty to society, state and church. We would urge that every church in the state will give a Thanksgiving offering to this noble work, and that you will endeavor to lead your Sunday school up to systematic giving of monthly offerings to the Orphanage until every Sunday school in North Carolina is in constant and sympathetic touch with the great work at Thomasville We recommend, further, that every Sunday school will subscribe to Charity and Children, and that our Sunday school teachers will see that they are judiciously distributed.

Respectfullv submitted,
G. A. BAIN, Com.

Remarks by M. L. Kesler, General Manager. Report adopted. Collection of $11.21 taken for the Orphanage.

Pledges were taken for the Orphanage.

The following were elected as an Executive Committee, on recommendation of the committee: J. B. Downing, H. A. Cooper, J. A. Oates, C. C. Bullard, E. T. Turlington, J. C. Williford, R. J. Leggett.

M. W. Naylor read the report on Ministerial Relief.

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This seems to be the most neglected object of the Convention, yet it is one of the most important. These aged brethren were faithful in their day and time. The cause we love and hold so dear is backed up by their earnest and faithful labors. They spent their best days trying to establish the Master's cause, and they were very successful. We think it is the duty of the Lord's people to help support them in their declining years, Therefore, we recommend that the churches of this Association take at least one collection a year for this object.

M. W. NAYLOR, Com.

Remarks by M. W. Naylor. Report adopted.

The following resolution, by J. W. Cobb, was passed:

Resolved, That this Association suggest to the churches that they take a collection for aged ministers at Christmas time.

Adjourned to 9:30 Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises led by Rev. J. W. Cobb. Roll call of churches. No new ones responded.

The Chair appointed committees as follows:

Auditing Committee—J. C. Williford, W. B. Matthews.

To Nominate Delegates and Visitors—E. T. Turlington, J. W. Cobb.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

Whereas, The Executive Board of the South River Association, at a session held October 24, 1907, at which all the members were present, and voting "Aye," passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Executive Board of the South River Association hereby instruct and direct the present Trustees of the Roseboro church, holding the church preperty by power of authority vested in them by us, to make a quit claim deed to Trustees named by the said church; and, further, that we appoint and direct Edwin T. Turlington to see that said transfer is properly made in accordance with law,"

Therefore, Be it Resolved, By the South River Association, in regular annual session Oct. 25th 1907, that we concur in the above resolution, and instruct and direct that the transfer of said property be made as above provided for.

Report on Home Missions was read by Dr. J. J. Hall.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT.

The sixty-second annual report given at the last Convention of the Southern Baptists, held in Richmond, Va., was full of good tidings. It told the story of a year of great things. It reported 18.978 baptisms—an average of fifty a day—while the record in gifts surpassed any year of its history, the increase alone being $52.929 35 from the states, and $2,493.40 from miscellaneous sources—total increase, $55,-422.73, or thirty-one per cent. over last year. It shows a larger appreciation of the work our Home Board is attempting to do. No language can fully tell what that work means to our own Southland, to the United States of America, and to the world at large. Southern cities are increasing in population at an amazing ratio beyond the power of the local churches to meet the spiriual need. The South is developing in commercialism along all branches. Her mines are furnishing coal and iron for the world. Her cotten crop never held so important a place in the world's markets as it does to-day. The increase in wealth in the

South alone shows the amazing figure of $3,000,000 every twenty-four hours—as great as that of England in a week.

Shall the Southland be taken and held for Jesus Christ? It depends largely upon Southern Baptists whether this be answered in the affirmative. North Carolina gave last year for Home Missions the sum of $15,347. This year we are asked to give $25,000 Let us respond to the advance call, and aid all we can in spreading the knowledge of Jesus Christ throughout our Southland.

Remarks were made by Rev. O. P. Meeks and J. A. Oates. Pledges were taken. The report was adopted.

Rev. O. P. Meeks made the report on Woman's Work.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Eleventh Associational meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society met at Elizabeth church on Oct. 24, 1907 After Bible quotations, by the Vice President a talk on "Our Duty in Regard to God's Work:" That if we began the year with prayer, work and service, we could close it with praise and thanksgiving; so much to be thankful for during the Associational year—not for what we have done, but for what the Lord has done for us and through us; and, to show our appreciation, we must go forward, make advance movements, follow our leader and obey His orders, and His orders are to "go" or "send"—an order we must not disobey. Dr. Smith says: "The problem of missions would be solved if we could catch Christ's vision of the world's need, and be led by Heaven's power to go or send. Heaven, the world and hell are all calling for lost souls to be saved."

Then nine, out of the thirteen societies in our Association, reported as follows:

	—For Asso. Year—	
	Amount for 1906-07	Amount for 1907-08
Spring Branch	$ 70.10	$ 100.00
Fayetteville	72.00	75.00
Salemburg	145.15	75.00
Salemburg S. B	15.00	15.00
Salemburg Y. L. M. S	7.84	10.00
Center	15.99	20.00
White Oak	22.84	25.00
White Oak Sunbeams	7.96	------
Magnolia	5.70	10.00
Total	$331.18	$330.00

Our aim for this year, $425.00. Amount raised for this Associational year by all the Societies, $331.18. We trust we cannot only come up to this aim, but go much beyond it, and accomplish much more in every respect than heretofore.

As a side issue—An appeal to our women for a new infirmary at the Orphanage.

(Mrs.) S. A. Howard.

Remarks were made by O. P. Meeks and J. W. Cobb. The report was received.

John A. Oates read the report of the Executive Board.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Once more we have come up to our meeting, with the blessings of God upon our people and our work. We rejoice that the beautiful spirit of brotherly cooperation which has blessed us in the past continues in its fullest.

There has been a marked increase in the contributions of our people for all the mission and benevolent objects. The general prosperity is a call to God's people to do their best. "Freely ye have received, freely give," may well apply at this time.

As to our Association's work, we are glad to report steady progress. Last year one mission church, Hickory Grove, became self supporting, and this year Roseboro does the same. Both these churches are now prosperous, and have this year had large additions to their membership by baptism.

We have assisted in maintaining preaching at Roseboro, Beulah, Mary's Chapel, Royal's Chapel, Brown's, Canaan and Godwin's School House. Near Godwin's School House we are now building the mission church about which you have already heard. We have raised $300 of the $400 necessary. This balance of $100 will be due and payable to the carpenters within the next two months. This point will, we believe, soon become a strong, self-supporting church.

We urge the churches to maintain their present liberal spirit of giving and advance as the needs of the work and the Lord's gifts to you increase.

Our financial showing for the year is as follows:

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance from 1906	52.74	J. W. Cobb	50.00
Amt. received this year	261.95	R. Honeycutt	52.50
		G. A. Bain	50.00
		T. J. Hood	62 50
		Dr. F. D. Hale	2 50
		Postage, etc	.20
		Balance	96.99
	$314.69		$314.69
Balance on hand	$96 99		

Respectfully submitted, EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Remarks by John A. Oates, J. A. Dawson and J. B. Downing.

By motion, the Association instructed the Executive Board to pay over to Henry Cooper $96.99 now on hand, for the completion of the new church near Godwin school house.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS

The Baptists of North Carolina are exceedingly fortunate in the character of their denominational literature. Our papers are loyal and aggressive, and are giving our people the information and impulse to work that they need. The Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal deserve your support. You cannot live up to the measure of your duty as a Baptist unless you read and find out what is needed and what is being done the world over in the salvation of men. Put a good paper in your home, and keep out the trash that destroys both soul and body.

We want to especially commend the North Carolina Baptist as the great leader of the Temperance reform which is sweeping over the Old North State.

J. A. DAWSON,
J. A. OATES.

Remarks by John A. Oates, R. J. Leggett and J. L. Autry. Report was adopted.

J. W. Cobb made report as follows:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. A. Oates.
Delegates to State Convention—J. L. Autry, J. A. Oates, C. C. Bullard.
To Preach Introductory Sermon—W. A. Humphrey.
To Preach Missionary Sermon—Pastor Salemburg church.

The report on Temperance was read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are pleased to note the wonderful progress of the Temperance cause in North Carolina ever since the last meeting of this body. Several of the cities and towns have recently thrown off the curse, and are giving much encouragement to others who are still in the bonds of iniquity.

We believe that the time has come for State Prohibition by a constitutional amendment forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor; and to this end we most earnestly urge that Christian voters will let nothing blind them to the importance of this matter in the next primaries and elections.

While we are glad that many of our churches are awaking to the neceessity of more careful discipline along this line, yet we realize that the true standard has not yet been reached by many of them.

J. M. PAGE. } Com.
J. C. WILLIFORD, }

Remarks by H. J. Duncan, J. A. Oates and C. C. Bullard. Report adopted.

The Sunday School report was read.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday school is a great factor for good in training the minds and hearts of the people. It is really the church at work, The great object of the Sunday school is to teach and study God's Word. Christ Himself was a great teacher He often sat with His disciples on the Sabbath day and taught them. He commanded His disciples to go teach all nations. The same commission applies to us if we are truly His disciples. We urge and insist that every church in our Association be an evergreen Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted.

The Auditing Committee reported all accounts correct.

The Clerk was allowed $10 for his services.

A vote of thanks was given Elizabeth church for its hospitality.

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator.

J. A. OATES, Clerk.

List of Delegates

Antioch—Not represented.
Autryville—J. E. Horne, Zeb. V. Spell, W. T. Butler.
Baptist Chapel—N. T. Williams, C. M. Hall, J. A. Dawson, R. L. Bennett, A. K. Page.
Beulah—Not represented.
Brown's—J. A. Underwood, J. C. Howard, Henry Jordan.
Canaan—Frank McMillan, Royall Hudson.
Center—J. T. Royall, Walton Royall, J. R. Williams.
Clement—J. T. Williams, W. B. Mathews, W. D. Autry.
Concord—Enoch Hall, Albert J. Hall, J. B. Bedsole.
Elizabeth—E. K. Faircloth, J. H. Porter.
Fayetteville—J. A. Oates, D. J. Breece, J. W. Tomlinson, F. H. Hobbs, C. E. Bullard.
Hickory Grove—J. H. Warren, W. O. Gilbert, A. A. Jackson.
Long Branch—George Bedsole, A. N. Hall, L. D. Hall.
Macedonia—D. C. Carter, A. F. Plummer, John A. Carter.
Magnolia—John E. Hubbard, Robert Williams, M. J. Jones.
Mary's Chapel—Not represented.
Mill Creek—Eli Cooper, J. O. Hair, J. A. Horne.
Mt. Elam—H. H. Warren, Ebern Baggett, W. O. McLamb.
Piney Green—J. O. Honeycutt, Abram Tyndall, H. G. Sessoms.
Pleasant Grove—C. C. Bullard, W. H. Downing, C. J. Smith.
Pleasant Union—I. C. Howard, Thomas Baker, Jno. Parker.
Royall's Chapel—C. H. Butler, G. W. Honeycutt.
Roseboro—R. P. Howell, J. J. Highsmith, R. J. Leggett.
Salemburg—H. A. Cooper, R. M. Squires, A. P. Howard.
Spring Branch—A. B. Giles, B. Holland, S. D. Hawley, J. C. Williford, M. W. Naylor.
Union Grove—J. A. Williams, J. R. Williams, Walter Williams.
White Oak—H. J. Duncan, John Williamson, Ben Faircloth.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, provided that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate, and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Art 4 The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Art. 5 The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body; to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Art. 8 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Art. 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Art. 15 This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

PASTORS' AND CLERKS' DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Time of Preaching Sunday
Antioch	T. J. Baker	Parkton	Geo. H. Starling	Godwin	1st
Autryville	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	3rd
Baptist Chapel	G. A. Bain	Dunn			
Beulah	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	J. B. Young	Dunn	4th
Brown's	G. A. Bain	Dunn	W. C. Howard	Clinton	4th
Canaan	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro, R.F. D. 4	Mrs. J. T. Hudson	Beasley, R.F.D. 2,	3rd
Center	G. A. Bain	Dunn	H. S. Matthews	Wade, R.F.D. 1	3rd
Clement	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	W. B. Matthews	Wade	4th
Concord	W. A. Humphrey	Fayetteville	L. V. Hair	Autryville	1st
Elizabeth	M. L. Mintz	Buie's Creek	H. H. Edwards	Parkersburg	1st
Fayetteville	J. J. Hall	Fayetteville	A. H. Watson	Fayetteville	11a m 7 pm
Hickory Grove	M. W. Naylor	Dunn, R.F D. 1	J. R. Strickland	Clinton, R, F.D 5	2nd
Long Branch	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	H. I. Hall	Hayne	4th
Macedonia	John Prevatt	Buie	A. B Carter	Fayetteville	1st
Magnolia	J. W, Cobb	Lumber Bridge	W. J. Watson	Stedman	4th
Mill Creek	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	John Horne	Mintz	3rd
Mary's Chapel	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	J. E. Bass	Keeners	2nd
Mt. Elam	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	Troy D Jackson	Huntley, R. 1	3rd
Piney Green	W. M. Page	Falcon	H. G. Sessoms	Huntley	1st
Pleasant Grove	John Prevatt	Buie	E H. Bullard	Fayetteville	1st
Pleasant Union	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	E. S. Howard	Autryville	3rd
Royall's Chapel	G. A. Bain	Dunn	C. H. Butler	Clinton	4th
Roseboro	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	L. G. Brock	Roseboro	4th
Salemburg	J. L. Stewart	Clinton, R F.D. 1	A. F. Howard	Salemburg	1st and 3rd
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Buie's Creek	A. B. Giles	Dunn, R. 1	1st
Union Grove	G. A. Bain	Dunn	Charlie Williams	Autryville	1st
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton	2nd

MEMBERSHIP TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Male	Female	Total
Antioch							47	70	117
Autryville	4						28	45	73
Baptist Chapel	19	5	1	2		3	86	127	213
Beulah							7	21	28
Brown's	1						28	28	56
Canaan		2					8	32	40
Center	2	3		1			38	47	85
Clement	4	2		1	1	1	71	94	165
Concord	7	1		5		3	55	122	177
Elizabeth	13	6	1	7		2	44	53	97
Fayetteville	31	37	3	10	1	1	129	181	380
Hickory Grove	20	1	2				26	43	69
Long Branch	18			4		1	58	85	143
Macedonia	1	1		3	4	2	24	42	66
Magnolia		2		2			28	63	91
Mill Creek	9	1		4	1	1	28	59	87
Mary's Chapel									16
Mt. Elam	16			4	3	1	55	86	141
Piney Green				6	3	2	62	116	178
Pleasant Grove	3	8		1			9	11	20
Pleasant Union	6	2	1	6	6	1	32	60	92
Royal's Chapel				4		1	8	15	23
Roseboro	15	11							65
Salemburg	4	6	1	4		3			219
Spring Branch	32	5	3	11		4	132	182	314
Union Grove	5		1			1	27	24	51
White Oak	3	2		6	2	3	35	51	86

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES

	Enrollment	Months Open	Superintendents	Post Offices
Antioch	46	12	B. R. Page	Dunn
Autryville	47	12	L. M. Cooper	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	95	8	N. T. Williams	Cooper
Beaulah	65	8	J. B. Young	Dunn
Brown's	53	6	J. A. Underwood	Clinton
Canaan				
Center	104	9	Walton Royall	Wade
Clement	61	12	J T. Williams	Autryville
Concord	55	12	W. B. Horne	Autryville
Elizabeth	76	10	A. J. Alderman	Parkersburg
Fayetteville	247	12	J. A. Oates	Fayetteville
Hickory Grove	41	9	J. H. Warren	Huntley
Long Branch	89	7	G. B. Bedsole	Autryville
Macedonia	35	6	M. H. Sessoms	Buckhorn
Magnolia	76	12	J. B Bryant	Stedman
Mill Creek	59		M. M Sessoms	Roseboro
Mary's Chapel				
Mt. Elam	113	3	J. T. Williams	
Piney Green	98	8	I. T. McLamb	Huntley
Pleasant Grove				
Pleasant Union	35	12	I C. Howard	Roseboro
Royall's Chapel	108	12	Miss Lula Layton	Clinton
Roseborbo	57		Tommie Williams	Roseboro
Salemburg	183	12	A. P. Howard	Salemburg
Spring Branch	130	12	O. D. Strickland	Giles' Mill
Union Grove	110		Randal Williams	Orange
White Oak	51	9	E T. Turlington	Clinton

PLEDGES 1908 — FINANCIAL TABLE

State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Asked for Associational Missions	CHURCHES	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Sunday Scho'l Missions	Ministerial Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary
$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 8 00	$ 8 00	12 00	...Antioch......	$......	$......	$......	$......	$......	$......	$......	$......	$......	......
5 00	11 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	...Autryville......	......	5 00	1 47	10 00	16 00	......	1 00	1 10	43 00	$ 135 00
10 00	......	15 00	25 00	18 00	...Baptist Chapel......	18 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	46 00	......	......	2 45	......	125 00
......	......	......	......	8 00	...Beulah......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
3 00	......	......	......	2 50	...Brown's......	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	......	......	......	3 00	......
......	......	......	......	15 00	...Canaan......	4 00	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	25 00
5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	...Centre......	6 76	4 98	3 00	7 00	5 00	......	......	......	26 06	60 00
5 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	12 00	...Clement......	11 56	5 75	......	10 00	1 38	......	......	1 25	17 00	125 00
10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	...Concord......	......	10 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	......	2 73	2 00	22 93	100 00
5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	...Elizabeth......	1 85	1 50	40	3 00	1 75	......	......	......	6 39	83 00
50 00	75 00	300 00	125 00	45 00	...Fayetteville......	45 00	41 50	83 70	276 86	166 33	2 00	5 00	2 50	$90.09.	1 400 00
2 50	......	5 00	......	7 50	...Hickory Grove......	1 91	......	......	5 00	......	......	......	72	67 40	49 06
2 00	2 00	10 00	4 00	14 00	...Long Branch......	3 94	......	......	......	2 00	......	......	1 60	97 85	60 00
5 00	......	2 00	......	12 00	...Macedonia......	10 00	10 00	......	......	......	......	......	1 10	21 00	47 00
5 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	10 00	...Magnolia......	5 40	4 00	2 06	4 12	6 29	......	......	1 25	......	56 00
2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	15 00	...Mill Creek......	......	......	......	4 83	1 00	......	......	1 50	......	......
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5 00	6 00	10 50	15 00	12 00	...Mt. Elam......	19 32	5 00	......	5 00	15 00	......	......	2 00	52 20	70 20
5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	...Piney Green......	6 03	4 05	2 83	5 00	5 01	......	......	......	76 60	75 00
5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	...Pleasant Grove......	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	......	1 00	1 00	525 00	60 00
5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	...Pleasant Union ..	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	75 00
1 00	......	2 00	......	2 50	...Royal's Chapel......	1 75	......	......	......	2 05	......	......	30	3 00	25 09
15 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	...Roseboro......	259	10 64	3 00	6 24	9 00	......	......	......	41 03	84 50
45 00	50 00	80 00	35 00	27 50	...Salemburg......	13 41	34 64	33 22	147 36	$1917	......	2 95	2 00	02 29	225 00
50 00	25 00	100 00	75 00	27 50	...Spring Branch......	27 50	85 20	36 92	106 40	86 03	7 06	10 82	4 00	227 39	285 00
5 00	5 00	8 00	......	10 00	...Union Grove......	8 00	......	2 02	1 00	......	......	75	......	......	......
8 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	18 00	...White Oak......	18 00	8 00	6 00	10 00	10 66	......	......	1 20	41 32	75 00
$ 258 50	$ 245 00	$ 631 50	$ 352 00	350 50		......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......

South River
Baptist Association

1908

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

MINUTES

OF THE

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ON

OCTOBER 21, 22, 1908

OFFICERS:

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator, - Autryville, R.F.D., N. C.
J. A. OATES, Clerk, - - - Fayetteville, N. C.
R. N. BUTLER, Treasurer, - - Salemburg, N. C.

NEXT MEETING:

Time: October 20, 21, 22, 1909.

Place: Mt. Elam. Nearest R. R. Station: Dunn, N. C.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. A. Humphrey.

Missionary Sermon—Dr. J. J. Hall.

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Wm. Bland,	Hawley's Store, N. C.
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D. W. Tew	R.F.D.No.5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt	Clinton, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Clinton, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Dunn, R. F. D. N. C.
W. J. Jones,	Salemburg, N. C.
A. B. Stephens	Autryville, N. C.
W. M. Page,	Fayetteville, N. C.
J. J. Hall	Fayetteville, N. C.
O. P. Meeks	Fayetteville, N. C.
W. A. Humphrey	Fayetteville, N. C.
W. B. Loving	Fayetteville, N. C.

Executive Board

J. A. Oates, Chairman	Fayetteville, N. C.
C. C. Bullard	Fayetteville, N. C.
J. B. Downing	Buckhorn, N. C.
J. C. Williford, Secretary	Dunn, N. C.
H. A. Cooper	Salemburg, N. C.
E. T. Turlington	Clinton, N. C.
R. J. Leggett	Roseboro, N. C.

Order of Business

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Report of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

To Church Clerks and Treasurers

Money collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministers' Relief, Ministerial Education and the Orphanage may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with Associational mission money to the Unions or Association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church, and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,
October 21, 19[illegible]

The South River Baptist Association met in its ninety-second annual session at this church according to invitation and appointment.

At 11 a. m. Rev. Braxton Craig, State Evangelist, preached the introductory sermon, in the absence of Rev. W. A. Humphrey, who was not able to be present. The sermon was unusually strong and much enjoyed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:00 p. m., the Association was convened for organization. Dr. J. L. Hall conducted the devotional exercises.

The reading of the letters was dispensed with and the delegates enrolled by card.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator—J. L. Avery.
Clerk—J. A. Yates.
Treasurer—E. N. Fowler.

The Moderator appointed Rev. M. F. Kirby, J. W. Tomlinson and Ivey Bryan as a Finance Committee.

The Moderator invited the visiting brethren to make themselves known. The following responded:

A. Johnson, representing the Orphanage.
B. Craig, representing State Missions.
E. L. Middleton, representing Sunday Schools.
Rev. T. J. Hood, of the Neuse-Atlantic.
Rev. A. H. Stephens, formerly of the South River but for several years in the West.

H. B. Downing, member of a committee from the Cumberland Association, formerly the Cedar Creek.

These were welcomed by the Moderator.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Henry Cooper.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The proper aim of all Christian effort is to win souls to Christ. Therefore the true measure of success in Sunday school work is the number of souls won to Christ. So it is good Christianity and sound patriotism to work in the Sunday school. A person who has no heart his country's welfare will find in the Sunday-school a field for the noblest endeavor. This strongly rè-enforces the plea for a larger and more evangelical view of the Sunday-school enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. Cooper.

Remarks by E. L. Middleton.

Report adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. J. J. Hall:

RESOLUTION.

Believing fully in the work of the Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board we heartily commend its publications to all our Sunday-schools. In doing this we express our preference for the authorized version of the sacred Scriptures in Sunday-school work, and respectfully ask our Sunday-school Board to give it the first place in all their publications.

Remarks by Dr. J. J. Hall. Resolution adopted.

Pledges were taken for Sunday School Missions amounting to $36.50.

R. M. Crumpler read the report on the Orphanage:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

To the South River Association in session with the Pleasant Grove Baptist church:

Having been appointed to prepare the report on the Orphanage the undersigned begs leave to submit the following report:

If the rapid progress and assured permanent success of any Christian enterprise is any evidence of God's approval then certainly our Orphanage is a child of the skies.

Commenced twenty-four years ago by the building of a little shanty to shelter tools, and a stable, in which the first trustees meeting was held using the door shutter, lifted from its hinges for a table ,it now has ten dormitories for children, a central school building, a central dining room, an infirmary, wood and shoe shops, printing office, steam laundry, three barns, homes for the general manager and treasurer, 450 acres of land, a well 876 feet deep, furnishing an abundance of water, excellent water works and sewerage system, caring for 385 children, giving work to more than twenty women and six or eight men. Over 1,000 orphans have entered its walls. Its annual current expenses are about $25,000. Measured by every condition and test of success, the Orphanage stands pre-eminent. The great need now is the completion of one or two unfinished buildings, notably the Infirmary because the old one is not large enough and can well be utilized as sewing room for the girls which is greatly needed. We hear the health of the inmates has been good during the present year, and understand that the work of the institution is in every way satisfactory. Its friends (and surely that means every intelligent Baptist in the State) trust there will be no halt in the work until every needy orphan in the State is cared for. Of course that means a large increase in our contributions This we recommend most earnestly and confidently to all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. Crumpler.

Remarks by A. Johnson. Pledges taken for Orphanage amounting to $327.00.

Bro. McCaskill from the Sunnyside Presbyterian church tendered the use of that church to the Association.

Editor H. C. Moore, of the Biblical Recorder was welcomed.

Jordan's Chapel church was on petition received into the membership of the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to its pastor, Rev. T. J. Hood.

Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association met at 9:00. The weather was very inclement.

Minutes read and approved.

H. A. Cooper, of Salemburg, elected Assistant Treasurer.

Committees named as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions—J. J. Hall, C. E. McDaniel, James Jackson.
Home Missions—E. Lee Fox, R. J. Leggett, Geo. W. Starling.
State Missions—Braxton Craig. J. B. Page, R. P. Howell.
Orphanage—R M. Crumpler, T. J. Hood, J. C. Williford.
Associational Missions—Henry Cooper, W. M. Page, T. J. Hood, E. J. Humphrey, R. Honeycutt.
Sunday-Schools—Henry Cooper, A. B. Stephens, W. B. Tew. Z. V. Spell.
Periodicals—H. C. Moore, W. M. Page, J. O. Hare.
Ministers' Relief—M. W. Naylor, J. B. Downing.
Obituaries—E T. Turlington.
Education—W. J. Jones, S. L. Jackson, E. H. Bullard.
Programme—C. C. Bullard. J. A. Oates, J. O. Tew.
Finance Committee—M. W. Naylor, Ivey Royall, J. W. Tomlinson.
Auditing Committee—D. J. Breece, E. M. Downing. S. A. Howard.

Report on Periodicals read by H. C. Moore:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Baptists of North Carolina are exceedingly fortunate in the character of their denominational literature. Our papers are loyal and aggressive and are giving our people the information and impulse to work that they need. The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal deserve your support. You cannot live up to the measure of your duty as a Baptist unless you read and find out what is needed and what is being done the world over in the salvation of men. Put a good paper in your home, and keep out the trash that destroys both soul and body. We especially urge our pastors to assist in extending the circulation of the Biblical Recorder.

Discussed by Jno. A. Oates, H. C. Moore, J. J. Hall, E. Lee Fox, R. J. Leggett, T. J. Hood, J. L. Autry.

Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed as a committee to nominate an Executive Board:

S. A. Howard,
H. H. Warren,
R. Honeycutt.

State Missions was discussed by B. Craig.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Association reassembled at 1:00 p. m.

Rev. R. N. Cashwell, of the Cumberland County Association, appeared before the Association and stated that the Cedar Creek Association had changed its name to the Cumberland County Association with a view of having an Association composed of the churches in Cumberland County.

Dr. J. J. Hall offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION:

We receive with Christian greetings the committee from the Cedar Creek Association announcing the formation of the Cumberland County Association, and as several churches of this association are in said county, and believing that a strengthing rather than a division of our churches will be conducive to a denominational unity, we hereby appoint a committee of six to confer with the newly formed association or its committee looking toward a union of the late Cedar Creek, (now Cumberland County) and South River Associations, the question of name to be afterwards decided upon.

Rev. W. J. Jones preached the missionary sermon on the subject "I am Not Ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

Dr. J. J. Hall read the report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We rejoice in the unusual interest manifested in so many ways in the work of Foreign Missions. We cannot too earnestly press this work upon all our churches. The special duty of the church to-day is to give the gospel to every creature.

It is with gratitude and praise to Almighty God that we note that our Foreign Mission Board raised last year more than $400,000, the largest sum of any one year in its history. It closed the year with no debt.

During the year twenty-four new missionaries were sent out. We have now in the field a force of 222 missionaries, 334 native assistants, giving us 556 workers. We have in the different mission lands directed by the Southern Baptist Convention eight theological schools. Among those sent out by the Board during the year were 12 medical missionaries and these treated during the year 38 000 patients.

2,174 converts were added by baptism last year, giving now 14,179 members. We have much to encourage us and bid us go forward and yet for the great work of giving the gospel to every creature we have much to cause us heart searchings and a thorough change on the part of many who hear the Saviour's name. Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are ten thousand (so called Baptist churches) which gave nothing at all for foreign mission work last year, and what we have given is only about 20 cents each for our membership for an entire year. We call for a greatly increased contribution from all our churches for Foreign Missions. Nothing is more helpful in this work than knowledge: Knowledge of the world's great need, knowledge of the work that is being carried on, knowledge of the open doors of opportunity, knowledge of the workers, knowledge of our stewardship There is nothing like information to impart knowledge and our denominational literature is rich in missionary information. We therefore urge upon all our members to subscribe for our denominational papers and to read the missionary news. Especially do we commend The Mission Journal to all our churches. This monthly should find a place in every Baptist home in our Southland.

We heartily commend the work of our consecrated women in behalf of the foreign work. The curse of heathenism falls largely upon women, enslaving them in ignorance, superstition and nearly every form of cruelty and surely there is a loud call to every christian woman the wide word over to enter this work in every way suitable to her brain and heart. So with our Sunbeams.

In view of the world's pressing need, in view of the Saviour's last commad, in view of the responsibility placed upon us, let us do our utmost to give the gospel to a lost world.

Remarks by Revs. J. J. Hall and W. J. Jones.

The Woman's Missionary Society met at this hour in the Presbyterian church nearby.

The Moderator announced the committee under the resolution of Dr. Hall, to meet with a committee from the Cumberland County Association:

S. A. Howard,
R. M. Crumpler,
J. C. Williford,
R. Honeycutt,
J. W. Tomlinson,
R. J. Leggett,
J. L. Autry,
J. B. Downing.

Pledges taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $494.50.

H. A. Cooper made a statement as to the aid being given to the new church near Dobbersville. The Executive Board had promised to raise for the church $100.00. This amount has not yet been raised and he appealed for the balance due.

E. T. Turlington read the report on Obituaries as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Dear brethren: Since our last association 21 of our dear brethren and sisters have gone to their long homes to meet with us no more on this earth, and before another year rolls around more of us will be gone. Brethren let us be ready to meet our God when he calls us. Let us watch and pray until he comes.

E. T. TURLINGTON.

The Moderator announced the death of H. Bizzelle Howard, of Salemburg, one of the most esteemed members of the Association.

Rev. W. J. Jones read the report on Education:

EDUCATION.

All religion,in its organized work ought to be educative in character. Among the many means which it uses to reach its ends, religion should include the element of instruction, or instillation of ideas. This is not identifying education with religion, and it certainly does not mean that the religion of an educated is one thing and that of an uneducated another. We simply mean that in spreading religion through society the church must avail itself of educational means as a part of its work.

The founder of Christianity was both teacher and preacher. "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded." The church through out the ages has insisted upon the element of instruction as a part of its work in the effort to reach men.

If the church is to fulfil its mission, namely, to bring men individually and socially into that unity with God which Jesus enjoyed, then it must emphasize the teaching function. In the words of another ideas interpret to us the mind of Jesus: ideas bear His message through the years; ideas bring His mind to men."

In this connection it is pleasing to record that our people are becoming more and more alive to their responsible place in the Kingdom, the State and the world. It may be that Baptists were once behind in educational enterprises and general culture, for, like their brethren, the first Christians, they have known poverty and persecution. But these sad conditions, let us thank God, no longer hinder and harrass. We are now free and fast getting rich. Some of the world's greatest institutions are Baptist in their endowment, control, spirit, and aim.

In the work of teaching North Carolina Baptists are not in the least behind the very chiefest apostles of education. We point with pride and gratitude to the fact that our academies and associational schools are multiplying in number and growing in thoroughness and efficiency. The students applying for admission into our colleges today are noticeably younger in years and better prepared for the curriculum, a striking testimonial to the work of the secondary schools. Chowan Baptist Female Institute and the Oxford Seminary continue with increasing prosperity the good work they have been doing in their respective fields. The University for Women is crowded to its utmost capacity, and for completeness of curriculum, thoroughness of instruction and ability of its teaching force, the school has taken rank with the best of the land.

Wake Forest, our rich heritage and fond hope, has a present enrollment of 361. That the number is not larger is due to the embarrassing fact that there is no more room for the students.

The work of ministerial education being done there is unsurpassed. Last season 48 received aid from the board These young men have impressed those having their oversight as being worthy and full of promise.

We commend all our Christian schools to the prayers of God's people.

Mighty agencies for good they are everywhere saying, "Lift up your heads; O ye gates; and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the

King of Glory shall come in."

Remarks by Rev. O. P. Meeks, W. J. Jones.

On motion the Association voted to complete the work this afternoon.

Dr. J. J. Hall offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we extend our hearty thanks to the Pleasant Grove church for its kind and abundant hospitality.

The committee to meet the Cumberland County Association is on motion enlarged to eight, J. L. Autry and J. B. Downing having been added.

M. W. Naylor read the report on Ministers' Relief:

MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The aged and infirm of every class need our sympathy, but first of all the old heralds of the cross should have our help—because they like Paul bear in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus.

This we think is a very worthy object of our convention. To be sure we must go after the lost, but we cannot afford to let the old preachers and their widows suffer while we go.

We plead in this that all the churches in this Association contribute more to this object so that those faithful servants of God may have something to lean upon in their declining years.

We recommend that the churches take a Christmas offering for this object.

M. W. NAYLOR.

Report adopted.

Rev. E. Lee Fox read the report on Home Missions:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions has a very important place among the different objects of our Convention. The Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has a worthy task to perform in the evangelization of the territory set apart for its great work—great in proportion and magnitude for winning souls to our Lord. The rapid growth of industries, the great tide of foreigners who are coming into the South makes it very essential for us to be loyal to its cause Leading men among us have made plain their convictions in regard to this department of our work. When we think of the construction of Panama canal, the cry of Cuba for the gospel our vision grows larger for the accomplishment of the sublime work that lies before us. An extract from the Home Board is as follows: A southern territory, embracing all the southern states, together with Cuba, Panama, and the Isle of Pines, containing more than 25,000,000 people,—9,000,000 of whom are negroes, and 5,000,000 foreigners. Priest ridden Cuba, illiterate and down trodden, crying for the gospel and already beginning to see the first dawn of freedom with its 1,300,000 souls blinded and prejudiced by a religion worse than idolatry. The completion of the 50 miles of canal across the Isthmas of Panama assures us of the closest relations with the people of the zone. As we become firmly established along the canal we can be able to bear witness for Christ to the nations of the earth that pass this great highway of world's trade and travel. The mountain regions of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky, comprising 149 counties and a population of 2,000,000, 98 per cent. of whom are white, 65 per cent of whom are Baptists. Baptist schools have been established for their benefit under the control of the Home Board. Your committee would recommend the Home Field, a paper devoted to the work of Home Missions. Your committee would commend to the prayerful consideration of us this most important field of the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Lee Fox,
R. J. Leggett,
Committe.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON WOMANS' MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Missionary Societies of the South River Association held their 12th Annual Session in the Sunny-Side Presbyterian church on October 22nd, 1908. The church was almost filled with women, young ladies and children, who were in attendance to the Association, yet due to rain and other cause, only a few representatives of our work present.

After devotional services led by Vice-President, in which we considered "I am God's child and heir," "I believe in Him," "My commission," "Christ wants me to go," "If I go He will be with me," "I am able," "There is need for haste," "Should I not willingly say as did Paul?"—Acts 20:24.

Then report of Womans' Missionary work in our Association read by Vice-President: Twelve years ago a few women and children in a few of the churches in our Association enlisted in the work of helping the Foreign, Home, State, and Sunday-Schools of the S B. C., also our Association, to send the message of Salvation to lost souls. A little interest been aroused, a little work done. But what could be done if all the young women and children in our Association would give time, study, prayer, service, money, and self if required, to bring the nations in darkness to know of His love. We often say we can do nothing—we can do much, we can pray, serve, and give; give time, give self, give money—one or all if needed.

During these twelve years 27 Societies have been organized, but only 10 or 13 at work now. Where are the 19 or 16? And only 10 of the 29 churches in our Association have this work. We appeal to the pastors and laymen of the 19 churches with no Society, or that have Societies which have fallen asleep, to use your influence and aid in establishing them.

There is much work to be done, for of the 1657 women who are members of the churches in our Association, only about one-ninth of them are engaged in mission work. When some one complained to Wellington about missions he referred them to Matt. 28, saying: "There are your marching orders." Then we must have the faith to go, for with the command, authority, and presence of His spirit we can win the world to Christ, A woman once said "I do not see anything interesting in missions." To which one replied, "Pardon me, but if I knew as little about missions I should not be interested either." How many of us are interested in and know the topics of the day, but know not the needs of the kingdom of Christ? Let us study to know our duty in this all important work, for if we be instilled with knowledge of missions, will come the spirit of missions, and our hearts will go out to those waiting to be led to Christ, whether they be across the street, or across the sea. Let us study all the mission literature available, yet I believe indifference the greatest hindrance against our mission work, as we can meet opposition, and teach the ignorant. If we are indifferent to the Lord's work it proves we love something else more.

Only three Societies were represented in person and three others by letters, Mrs. C. S. Royall, Mrs. Ivey Royall, Miss Esther Page, and Mrs S. A. Howard from the Salemburg W. M. S, Y. W. A. & S. B. Societies. Letters from W. M. S. and Sunbeams of White Oak, and W. M. S. of Spring Branch churches, also Miss Bulah Bryan from W. M. S. of Magnolia, reported that Society asleep, also Miss Matthews gave same report of Clement W. M. S

Talk on Sunbeam work by Mrs. Ivey Royal. Talk on Young Ladies work by Mrs. C. S. Royall, "That the Young Ladies Work was called the drop stitch in our work. This work had only been touched, and especially so in our Association.

Presentation of "Mission Study Classes," and recommendations of Foreign, Home, S. S. and Executive Board, by Vice-President, also enlistment much urged to be observed by all. World-wide Missions" talked on by Vice-President. The following resolutions adopted:

"That the Societies of this Association endorse and enter into the campaign of enlistment, and will endeavor to enroll every women, young women and child of our churches in a Missionary Society, also Vice-President secure a Missionary Assistant to help in the work, and endeaver to induce each woman to give at least 25c to Foreign and 15c to Home Missions before April 1909."

Letter from Miss Ella Jetler, by Esther Page, "Eight Reasons; and an Invitation," by Mrs. C. S. Royall. Every woman in this Association ought to have heard it. A talk on "Answered Prayers" to a million S. B. women, also "Where are the Nine?," as only two of the million S. B. women enlisted in the work of saving lost souls, and the "Other Woman to be Won," by Vice-President.

The Societies asked to adopt the resolution passed in the Salemburg W. M. S. "For each one to so completely surrender herself to do whatsoever He would have us do to be fully consecrated to His service," also for each Society to appoint a missionary from their member to do mission work in their community.

By reporting for each quarter during this year your Society will be decorated with a star in the aunual report, also if you make the one-quarter increase your name will be written in italics. May each Society strive for both.

The W. M. S. of Spring Branch gave $25.00 for Woman's Building at the Orphanage.

Six reported. First three by representatives, next three by letter. The last four by reporting to Vice-President.

	Aim for 1907-08	Given for 1907-08	Aim for 1908 09
Spring Branch	$100.00	$104.90	$110 00
Fayetteville	100.00	53.75	150.00
Salemburg	75.00	62.78	100 00
Salemburg Y. W. A.	10.00	7.00	10 00
Salemburg S. B.	15.00	11 89	16.00
White Oak	25.00	21.19	25.00
White Oak S. B.	——	4 64	5.00
Center	20.00	9.88	20.00
Magnolia	10.00	2.06	——
Roseboro	——	1.50	5.00

MRS. S. A. HOWARD, Vice-President.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board recommended the old Board as follows:

J. A. Oates,
C. C. Bullard,
J. B. Downing,
J. C. Williford,
H. A. Cooper,
E. T. Turlington,
R. J. Leggett.

Report adopted.

The next session was located at Mt. Elam church.

The Clerk was voted $10.00 for service and the Treasurer was authorized to pay out of the Associational Mission Fund a sufficient amount to supplement the Minute Fund in order to pay for printing and distributing the minutes. The Executive Board was instructed to print its annual report in the minutes.

H. A. Cooper was elected Associational Representative for Sunday-schools.

The Executive Board is authorized to make out an order of business for next session, and appoint the Chairmen of the several Committees.

Preachers for stated sermons were elected as follows:

W. A. Humphrey, Introductory.
J. J. Hall, Missionary.

Dr. J. J. Hall was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. J. L. Autry, W. J. Jones and Jno. A. Oates, were elected delegates to the State Convention.

The Finance Committee and Treasurer are authorized to make their reports direct to the auditing committee, the reports to be published in the minutes when approved by them.

The Association closed with a very touching scene, when all the congregation went forward and shook hands with the Moderator.

Benediction by Dr. J. J. Hall.

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator.

JNO. A. OATES, Clerk.

Constitution

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, provided that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate, and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates,

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order. but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Article 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

During the year just closed the work done through the Executive Board has been very satisfactory, and the outlook for a continued growth of the mission spirit among the people is very promising.

The following points were assisted: Mary's Chapel, Brown's, Royal's Chapel, Beulah, Canaan, Jordon's Chapel and Manly's Chapel.

RECEIVED from the churches		$215.83
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Rev. T. J. Hood	$75.00	
" M. W. Naylor	8.50	
" R. Honeycutt	35 00	
" E. Lee Fox	83.37	
Postage	20	
		$202.07
Balance on hand		$ 13.76

The two newest mission points—Jordon's Chapel and Manly's Chapel have in them the opportunity and promise of good, strong churches. These are near the line between Sampson and Wayne Counties.

Our churches did well in assisting in the building of the church at Jordan's Chapel, and we trust they will be just as faithful in assisting with the Manly's Chapel building.

Next year we hope to see a continued moving up of our churches in all the lines of benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 25th, 1907, to October 21st, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Received from all sources	$539.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. A. Oates, minutes and clerk	$ 29.50	
" Rev. W. M. Page, Ministerial Relief	10 88	
" Orphanage	56.48	
" Treasurer Baptist State Convention	440.92	
Postage, &c.	1.87	
		$539 65

ROBERT N. BUTLER.

Audited and found correct
S. A. HOWARD.

NOTE.—The report for 1907 was accidentally left out of the Minutes last year. It was in proper shape and audited. J. A. O.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—George W. Starling, Calvin Strickland, D. W. Pope.

Autryville—John L. Autry, Zeb V. Spell. J. E. Horn.

Baptist Chapel—James Jackson, C. M. Hall, N. T. Williams, J. T. Jackson.

Beulah—By letter.

Brown's—N. A. Dudley, H. B. Jordon, W. C. Howard.

Canaan—By letter.

Center—J. B. Page, W. A. Royall, H. S. Matthews.

Clement— ——

Concord—Buck G. Bullock, John B. Downing, J. B. Bedsole.

Elizabeth—E. H. Faircloth, W. A. Lewis, Marsdon Canady.

Fayetteville—D. J. Breece, E. J. Humphrey, W. B. Malloy, J. A. Oates, J. W. Tomlinson.

Hickory Grove—D. W. Tew, J. H. Warren, J. R. Strickland.

Jordan's Chapel—By letter.

Long Branch— ——

Macedonia—H. C. Carter, M. H. Sessoms, W. J. B. Hall.

Magnolia—J. M. Beard, E. Strickland, W. H. Fisher.

Mill Creek—J. O. Hair, J. A. Horne, T. L. Horne.

Mary's Chapel— ——

Mt. Elam—W. B. Tew, H. H. Warren, J. R. Tew.

Piney Green— ——

Pleasant Grove—C. J. Smith, D. P. McDaniel, E. H. Bullard.

Pleasant Union—By letter.

Royal's Chapel—Wm. Butler, W. H. Taylor, C. H. Butler.

Roseboro—C. E. McDaniel, J. J. Highsmith, G. S. Vinson.

Salemburg—S. A. Howard, Ivey Royall, Amma Holland.

Spring Branch—J. M. Jackson, S. L. Jackson, W. M. Warren, M. W. Naylor, J. C. Williford.

Union Grove— ——

White Oak—E. T. Turlington, R. M. Crumpler.

MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Churches	Baptisms	Received By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Male	Female	Total
Antioch	7		1	13		1	41	57	98
Autryville	3	2					29	48	77
Baptist Chapel	34	2	4	6	2	3	105	132	237
*Beulah							7	21	28
Brown's							25	25	50
Canaan	6	1	1			1	9	36	45
Center	2	2		3	1		37	48	85
*Clement							71	94	165
Concord	5	1			9	7	47	119	166
Elizabeth	13		1	2	3		50	54	104
Fayetteville	13	26		7		2	133	248	381
Hickory Grove	3	4	1				27	50	77
Jordan's Chapel							6	3	9
*Long Branch							58	85	143
Macedonia			2	5	6	1	18	39	57
Magnolia	5	1	2	4			36	66	102
Mill Creek	9	2	1	1	1	2	35	60	95
*Mary's Chapel									16
Mt. Elam	9	1	1	4			65	85	150
*Piney Green							62	116	178
Pleasant Union	28		4	4			50	78	128
Pleasant Grove		2				1	10	11	21
Royal's Chapel	3			1			9	16	25
Roseboro	3	4							72
Salemburg	17	3	1	10	1	7	89	109	198
Spring Branch	34	11	1	11	2	4	157	166	323
*Union Grove							27	24	51
White Oak			1	3	1	2	33	47	80

*From 1907 Minutes.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Enrollment	Months Open	Superintendents	Post Offices
Antioch	43	12	Geo. W. Starling	Cooper
Autryville	43	12	Jno. L Autry	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	109	9	N. T. Williams	Cooper
*Beulah	65	8	J. B. Young	Dunn
*Brown's	53	6		
Canaan				
Center	105	9	D. C. Matthews	Wade
*Clement	61	12	J. T. Williams	Autryville
Concord	45	12	J. B. Bedsole	Autryville
Elizabeth	44	9	W. W. Hobbs	Parkersburg
Fayetteville	302	12	Jno. A. Oates	Fayetteville
*Hickory Grove	41	9	J. H. Warren	Huntley
Jordan's Chapel				
*Long Branch	89	7	G. B. Bedsole	Autryville
Macedonia	35	6	D. C. Carter	Buckhorn
Magnolia	64	12	J. B. Bryant	Stedman
Mill Creek	65		M M. Sessoms	Roseboro
Mary's Chapel				
Mt. Elam	87		J. T. Williams	Cooper
*Piney Green	98	8	I. T. McLamb	Huntley
Pleasant Union	35	12	I. C. Howard	Roseboro
Pleasant Grove				
Royal's Chapel	79	9	C. H. Butler	Clinton
Roseboro	75	12	D. L. Downing	Roseboro
Salemburg	211	12	A. P. Howard	Salemburg
Spring Branch	151	12	O. D. Strickland	Dunn
*Union Grove	110		Randal Williams	Orange
White Oak	50	9	E. T. Turlington	Clinton

PASTORS' AND CLERKS' DIRECTORY.

Churches	Pastors	Postoffices	Clerks	Postoffices	Time of Preaching
Antioch	T. J. Baker	Parkton	Jno. L. Williams	Dunn	1st
Autryville	A. B. Stephens	Autryville	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	3rd
Baptist Chapel	G. A. Bain	Dunn	A. K. Page	Cooper	2nd
Beulah	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	J. B. Young	Dunn	4th
Brown's	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	W. C. Howard	Clinton	4th
Canaan	G. A. Bain	Dunn	Mrs. J. T. Hudson	Beasley	3rd
Center	G. A. Bain	Dunn	E. F. Page	Wade	3rd
Clement	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	W. B. Matthews	Wade	4th
Concord	W. A. Humphrey	Fayetteville	L. V. Hair	Autryville	1st
Elizabeth	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	T. S. Faircloth	Parkersburg	1st
Fayetteville	J. J Hall	Fayetteville	A. H. Watson	Fayetteville	Every
Hickory Grove			J. R. Strickland	Clinton	1st
Jordan's Chapel	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	L. Hudson		
Long Branch	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	H. I. Hall	Hayne	4th
Macedonia	John Prevatte	Buie	A. B Carter	Fayetteville	1st
Magnolia	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	W. J. Watson	Stedman	4th
Mill Creek	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	John Horne	Mintz	3rd
Mary's Chapel	E. Lee ox	Clinton	J. E. Bass	Keeners	2nd
Mt. Elam	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	T. D. Jackson	Huntley	3rd
Piney Green	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	H. G. Sessoms	Huntley	1st
Pleasant Grove	John Prevatte	Buie	E. H. Bullard	Fayetteville	1st
Pleasant Union	W. J. Jones	Salemburg	E. S. Howard	Autryville	3rd
Royall's Chapel	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	C. H. Butler	Clinton	4th
Roseboro	J. W. Cobb	Roseboro	L. G. Brock	Roseboro	4th
Salemburg	W. J. Jones	Salemburg	A. P. Howard	Salemburg	1st & 3rd
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Buie's Creek	A. B. Giles	Dunn	1st
Union Grove	G. A. Bain	Dunn	Charlie Williams	Autryville	1st
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton	2nd

PLEDGES FOR 1909						FINANCIAL TABLE									
Asked for Association'l Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	CHURCHES.	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Sunday Sch'l Missions	Ministerial Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary
$ 12 00	$ 5 00	$ 4 00	$ 1 00	$........	Antioch	7 60	2 90	1 26	4 24	$ 3 65	$........	$........	$ 80	$ 2 00	$ 100 00
10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	Autryville	....	5 00	....	12 50	....	....	....	30	5 00	135 00
18 00	10 00	15 00	1 00	25 00	Baptist Chapel	13 67	9 03	4 05	8 65	12 00	....	....	2 50	42 28	125 00
8 00	2 00	....	....	....	Beulah	2 00	....	....	....	25	....	....	25	....	....
2 50	3 00	....	....	....	Brown's	1 83	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
15 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	....	Canaan	1 70	8 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
10 00	5 00	....	1 00	3 00	Center	2 99	2 27	82	2 95	2 52	....	....	1 20	48 02	60 00
12 00	5 00	10 00	1 00	....	Clement	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
12 00	10 00	5 00	....	....	Concord	96	3 60	3 52	5 76	5 50	....	....	55	207 06	125 00
10 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	....	Elizabeth	2 41	5 00	2 59	5 00	4 34	....	....	....	....	75 00
45 00	55 00	200 00	5 00	125 00	Fayetteville	30 08	25 75	44 70	18 00	146 65	....	....	2 00	365 93	1400 00
7 50	....	....	....	....	Hickory Grove	2 07	50	....	2 62	....	....	....	50	4 00	....
2 00	1 00	50	....	1 00	Jordan's Chapel	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
14 00	2 00	....	....	....	Long Branch	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
12 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	Macedonia	2 90	....	....	....	55	....	....	70	....	60 00
10 00	5 00	5 00	....	....	Magnolia	5 00	3 36	2 26	4 89	....	....	....	1 00	110 75	75 00
15 00	2 00	3 00	....	2 00	Mill Creek	5 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 50	....	66	1 00	....	75 00
5 00	1 00	1 00	....	....	Mary's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
12 00	6 00	10 50	1 00	15 00	Mt Elam	13 36	2 65	2 00	....	17 50	....	....	....	70 90	70 00
5 00	5 00	....	....	....	Piney Green	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
5 00	5 00	2 50	50	2 00	Pleasant Grove	....	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	....	....	1 00	40 00	60 00
12 00	5 00	5 00	....	....	Pleasant Union	....	2 06	3 37	....	....	....	....	80	1 55	....
2 50	1 00	2 00	....	....	Royal's Chapel	1 60	70	....	55	....	....	....	....	33 75	25 00
10 00	15 00	15 00	2 00	10 50	Roseboro	10 00	10 37	8 27	10 48	10 10	....	....	90	160 00	125 00
27 50	55 00	90 00	5 00	50 00	Salemburg	35 00	45 00	50 00	80 00	52 00	....	2 14	2 50	335 39	335 00
27 50	75 00	100 00	10 00	75 00	Spring Branch	27 50	85 20	32 61	110 00	101 14	5 00	10 00	4 00	186 85	265 00
10 00	5 00	....	....	....	Union Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
18 00	7 00	8 00	1 00	10 00	White Oak	18 00	9 50	13 08	27 25	10 00	....	....	....	52 05	75 00

☞ NOTICE.—Report of Finance Committee of Association at Pleasant Grove will be made at the Union at Roseboro November 27–29.

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

1909

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

Mt. ELAM CHURCH

MINUTES

OF THE

33rd ANNUAL SESSION

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ON

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 1909

OFFICERS

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator, - Autryville, (R.F.D.) N. C.
*J. A. OATES, Clerk, - - - Fayetteville, N. C.
R N. BUTLER, Treasurer, - - Salemburg, N. C.

NEXT MEETING

Time: October 19, 20, 21, 1910.
Place: Concord
Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. J. Jones.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. D. W. Tew.

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*All correspondence should be with Rev. W. J. Jones, Salemburg, N. C., who is now Clerk.

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Ordained Ministers

Wm. Bland,	Hawley's Store,	N. C.
G. A. Bain,	Dunn,	"
D. W. Tew,	R.F.D. No. 5, Clinton,	"
Redin Honeycutt,	Clinton,	"
H. J. Duncan,	Clinton,	"
M. W. Naylor,	Dunn, R.F.D.	"
W. J. Jones,	Salemburg,	"
J. J. Hall,	Fayetteville,	"
O. P. Meeks,	Fayetteville,	"
W. A. Humphrey,	Fayetteville,	"
W. B. Loving,	Fayetteville,	"

Executive Board

J. B. Downing, Chairman,	Buckhorn,	N. C.
J. C. Williford, Secretary,	Dunn,	"
H. A. Cooper, Assistant Chairman,	Salemburg,	"
E. T. Turlington, Treasurer,	Clinton,	"
R. J. Leggett,	Roseboro,	"
G. M. Bass,	Keener,	"
E. A Jackson,	Cooper,	"

Order of Business

1. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invitation to corresponding messengers and visitors.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Selection of place for next session.
7. Report of committees.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

To Church Clerks and Treasurers

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministers' Relief, Ministerial Education and the Orphanage may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with Associational Mission money to the Unions or Association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church, and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

MT. ELAM BAPTIST CHURCH,
October 20, 1909.

The South River Baptist Association met in its 33rd annual session at this church according to invitation and appointment.

At 11 a. m. Rev. W. A. Humphrey preached the Introductory Sermon: Text John 3:16.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:00 p. m. Association convened for organization. Rev. E. L. Fox conducted the devotional exercises.

Capt. J. L. Autry, Moderator, appointed Revs. E. L. Fox and G. A. Bain as Reading Clerks.

By motion the Association decided to have the letters read.

E. T. Turlington, J. W. Tomlinson and David Williford were appointed as a finance committee.

Roll of churches called and sixteen responded.

Letter from Concord asking for next session was tabled for later action.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Sunday Schools—E. L. Middleton, J. T. Williams, O. D. Strickland.

Periodicals—A. L. Betts, R. N. Butler.

Ministers' Relief—M. W. Naylor, J. A. Horne.

Orphanage—J. W. Cobb, D. W. Tew, W. R. McKenzie.

Foreign Missions—J. J. Hall, A. F. Cooper.

Home Missions—G. A. Bain, R. J. Leggett, Arch Royal.

State Missions—E. L. Fox, R. Honeycutt, Sion Horne.

Associational Missions—W. J. Jones, T. J. Hood, E. L. Hall.

Obituaries—J. B. Downing, W. R. Warren, H. B. Jordan.

Education—J. A. Campbell, W. A. Humphrey.

Programme—E. L. Fox, The Clerk, J. C. Williford.

Auditing Committee—R. P. Howell. G. W. Starling, G, M. Bass.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator—J. L. Autry.
Clerk—Jno. A. Oates.
Treasurer—R. N. Butler.

The following are welcomed in the Association:

J. D. McLamb from the Eastern.
Rev. T. J. Hood from the Neuse-Atlantic.
A. L. Betts, representing the Biblical Recorder.
Rev. J. W. Cobb, from the Robeson.
Rev. E. L. Fox from the Eastern.
W. J. Olive from the Cumberland.

Petitionary letter of Manley's Chapel church, being a letter of dismission from the Neuse-Atlantic Association to join the South River Association, was presented, and the church was unanimously received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to its pastor, Rev. T. J. Hood.

Rev. A. L. Betts read report on Periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

"**Extracts From Report at State Convention.**—The Biblical Recorder has held a peculiar place in the affections of those who have known it during all the years of its life. ...... There has been no growth but the Recorder was its prophet; no new enterprise or institution but the Recorder was the herald of its advance. ...... But now to the obligations of gratitude and to the consideration of our own interests has been added a new reason. ...... We have taken upon ourselves the right and power of an equal share in naming its editor and directing its policy. ...... Necessarily there follows a new responsibility. Having in our hands the right to advise in its management, we should have in our hearts the desire to give it a larger success. ...... From this day on, the Recorder should be a recognized agency of our Convention, a department of our work, entitled to its own place on our programs and to its own share of our affections. The Recorder should stand at the door of the Convention and of the various Associations, not as a beggar seeking subscriptions, but as the voice of a great denomination calling us and all of us into a greater knowledge and a larger work. If through the Recorder we can reach our people every week, if they can come to know our work and its needs, if in its pages there may be established a community of thought and interest, then we may expect greatsr and still greater things for our cause, our growth, and our usefulness to the world.

Why North Carolina Baptists Should Take and Read It.—It is a newspaper whose specialty is the news of the Kingdom to which they belong.

It is a strictly religious paper.

It aims, true to its name, to be thoroughly Biblical.

It undertakes to be fraternally but firmly Baptistic, loyal to Baptist doctrine, devoted to Baptist agencies, stimulating to Baptist progress, expressive of Baptist life.

It is a State paper, representing exclusively and impartially the Baptist people in every part of North Carolina and being especially designed for them.

It is the only paper covering its field, others dealing with sections of our territory or segments of our work, while the Biblical Recorder embraces all our work in all our State.

It is distinctively Baptist property, being now owned by a few more than one hundred North Carolina Baptists who, without any one having a majority of the stock, hold it not for financial gain, but for the good of the cause and the glory of God.

It is the Organ of our Baptist State Convention, this body naming its editor, safe guarding its policy, utilizing its columns, and having repors on it every year.

It is among us the one great unifying agency: territorially, making neighbors of widely separated churches; organically, relating each reader to the whole of our State denominational work; doctrinally, binding us together in our views of Bible truth and duty.

It is essential to the highest efficiency of a North Carolina Baptist; for there can be no efficiency without interest, nor interest without intelligence, nor intelligence without information,—particularly the information about our work which is available week after week in the Biblical Recorder pages.

It recognizes a mutual need: for not only would it go into every Baptist home in the State as a benefactor informing, inspiring, upbuilding, outworking; but also it would go as a beneficiary to receive new friendship, sympathy, co-work and prayer.

It is proven by seventy-five years of usefulness to be worth while; and to-day with larger circulation than ever before, wifh growing work to chronicle and to do, with widening life to present, with an enlarging outlook to beckon onward, it rejoices in the hearty endorsement of our leaders and fellow-workers in tde Lord.

Hence the Biblical Recorder may truly claim what it ardently desires—a place by every Baptist fireside in North Carolina."

A. L. BETTS,
R. N. BUTLER.

Discussed by A. L. Betts, Dr. J. J. Hall, R. P. Howell, T. J. Hood, R. N. Butler. Report adopted.

On motion of R. P. Howell every delegate is appointed a committee to solicit and forward subscriptions to the Biblical Recorder.

Letter from Pleasant Grove asking for letter to join Cumberland Association is granted

Moderator appoints Dr. J. J. Hall to conduct devotional exercises Thursday morning at 9:30.

Program Committee reported as follows:

Thursday— 9:30 Devotional Exercises.
10:00 Miscellaneous Business.
10:30 State Missions.
11:30 Sunday School Missions.
12:00 Missionary Sermon.
2:00 Foreign Missions.
2:45 Ministerial Relief.
3:15 Education.
3:45 Orphanage.

Friday— 9:30 Devotional Exercises.
10·00 Miscellaneous Business.
10:30 Home Missions.
11:00 Associational Missions.

On motion adjourned with benediction by Rev. G. A. Bain.

THURSDAY MORNING.

At 9:30 Dr. J. J. Hall conducted devotional exercises.

Minutes read and approved.

Roll of unrepresented churches called and two responded.

Letter from White Oak containing invitation for next session of Association tabled for later action.

Invitation extended to visiting brethren, and E. L. Middleton, representing the Sunday School Board, is welcomed.

On motion the Committee on Consolidation of the South River and Cumberland Associations is discontinued.

On motion a letter of dismission is granted the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville to join the Cumberland Association, to take effect at the close of this session.

John C. Williford presented the following resolution adopted by the Executive Board:

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville church has asked for a letter of dismission from our Association, and whereas Brother John A. Oates, who has been a faithful member of our Executive Board, and chairman for many years, is a member of said church, and when said letter is granted his connection with the Executive Board of this Association will cease; therefere

Resolved 1. That we, the Executive Board of the South River Association, greatly regret to lose the valuable services and his wise counsels as member and chairman of this board.

Resolved 2. That our prayers shall follow Brother Oates in his new field of labor, praying that God may bless and make him as useful in his Master's service in his new field as he has been with us.

Resolved 3. That we hereby extend to Brother Oates our appreciation for his courtesy and Christian bearing to this board.

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minute book of our board with the request that they be published in the Minutes of our Association.

JOHN B. DOWNING,
JOHN C. WILLIFORD,
E. T. TURLINGTON,
R. J. LEGGETT.

Remarks by J. A. Oates, J. L. Autry and T. J. Hood.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Moderator welcomed Rev. J. A. Campbell, of the Little River Association, and Secretary L. Johnson, of the State Mission Board.

The report on State Missions was read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We rejoice greatly in the interest manifested in State Missions. We are to begin at Jerusalem, that is at home. We could note in many parts of the state what State Missions have done to build up the destitute places in various parts of the same. What could the 212,000 Baptists in North Carolina do towards building up the destitute sections! Let us realize to-day as never before that this object demands our prayers, our means, that greater things may be done for the upbuilding of the Lord's Kingdom in this His moral vineyard. May the churches in the South River Association, as never before, rally to the call of State Missions. E. LEE FOX.

Remarks by Secretary L. Johnson. Report adopted. Pledges taken.

E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary, read the report on Sunday Schools:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

There are many things we may do for God. Some of these are fundamental and must be done if this cause becomes strong among men. The teaching of the Bible is one of these fundamentals.

In all ages men have been saved in large numbers if God's people have been faithful in this work. The modern Sunday School has been successful as a teaching agency. We, as Baptists, have fully committed ourselves to this work. We, as an Association, appeal to our churches to bestir themselves to reach all their people in this great work.

We need all the church members for their own sakes. They need the training in service and the Sunday School needs their presence and moral support. Surely we want all the boys and girls, for we gain nearly all our members from those who have been religiously trained in the Sunday School. To be definite we recommend the following:

1 A permanent Sunday School in every church and such branches or mission schools as may be needed.

2. A definite movement to enlist every church member in the work and all the unsaved of each community.

3. That we hold at least one Sunday School convention or institute during next year and such rallies of groups of churches as may be arranged.

4. That we co-operate with our State Sunday School work by appointing a committee of one or more to work with the Sunday School Secratary, and that we take pledges for the work as formerly.

5. That all our Sunday Schools be asked to take one collection each month for the Thomasville Orphanage.

6. That we use the literature published by our Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville. Respectfully,

E. L. MIDDLETON,
O. D. STRICKLAND,
J. T. WILLIAMS.

Remarks by E. L. Middleton. Pledges taken and report adopted.

The Moderator named the following committees:

To nominate preachers and messengers: J. R. Butler, Enoch Hall and S. L. Jackson.

To nominate Executive Board: J. T. Williams, W. R. Williams, R. P. Howell, R. N. Butler, E. A. Jackson.

On motion of J. A. Oates, the Association sends a message of fraternal sympathy to Henry Cooper, of Salemburg, who is too unwell to attend.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Cobb. Association dismissed by Rev. J. A. Campbell.

The women held their meeting from 1:30 to 2 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2 o'clock.

Dr. J. J. Hall read report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That we hail with gratitude to God the onward sweep of the Foreign Missionary movement.

We praise God for His signal blessing upon this great work which has changed the hearts of multitudes and the face of Nature in many parts of heathen lands.

The call is still urgent to look on the fields which, as never before, are white to harvest.

The work of the Southern Baptist Board tells of 331 missionaries in the field, 375 native helpers, 259 churches and 559 outstations, with a total membership of 16,596.

It also has 225 Sunday Schools with 10,430 scholars. These churches with the missionaries contributed last year $40,287.

We have 13 medical missionaries, three hospitals, eleven dispensaries, treating last year 42,659.

We have four excellent printing plants sending out into the heathen darkness thousands of religious tracts, periodicals, books and Bibles.

We had in foreign work nearly 3.000 converts last year.

We need a greatly enlarged contribution from all our churches for foreign Mission work. This is seen by the sad fact that of 21,296 southern Baptist churches 10,118 did not contribute one dollar last year to this great cause.

We appeal to all our churches to fall in line and aid in the extension of the Lord's Kingdom and the giving of the gospel to every creature.

We urge the formation of missionary study classes, Sunbeam societies and every auxiliary that will impart a knowledge of Missionary facts and that will develop the missionary spirit and thereby hasten the day when all shall know the Lord, from the least to the greatest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HALL.

Discussion by Dr. J. J. Hall, who preached the Missionary sermon at this hour. Report adopted. Pledges taken.

On motion the next setsion of the Association was located at Concord.

Rev. W. J. Jones is elected clerk of the Association, to take effect at the close of this session.

An appeal for $50 toward the rebuilding of Brown's church was made and collection and pledge taken.

Announcement was made that the association of the woman's societies of the Association will be held on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in November at Salemburg.

The following are named for Executive Board for the coming year: E. T. Turlington, H. A. Cooper, J. C. Williford, J. B. Downing, R. J. Leggett, G. M. Bass, E. A. Jackson.

The Committee on Preachers and Messengers reported as follows:

Introductory sermon—W. J. Jones; Missionary sermon —D. W. Tew; Delegates to Baptist State Convention—E. T. Turlington, G. A. Bain, W. J. Jones; to Southern Baptist Convention—S. A. Howard.

Benediction by Dr. J. J. Hall.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Association convened at 9:30. Minutes read and approved.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. A. Oates.

Report on Ministers' Relief read:

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We can best show our love to each other by doing something for them in a substantial way. By helping the aged ministers through the relief board we not only show them our appreciation for the work they have done, but we show our love for the cause for which they labored and suffered. We do respectfully beg that all the churches of this Association interest themselves more in this noble and worthy object.

W. W. NAYLOR,
J. A HORNE.

Remarks by several brethren. Pledges taken.

Report on Education read:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

"Enter in at the straight gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat; because straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth into life and few there be that find it."

In order to get to a place we must start; if we never start we never get there, and we must start right in order to succeed.

It is better not to start at all than to start wrong.

We believe the doctrines of our church are in accord with the teachings of the Word, hence the importance of Baptist doctrine.

In the near future the standard of truth as we hold it must be held up by the children of the present, if held at all, and their faithfulness in this respect will depend largely upon their training now.

This is an age of progress, and especially along educational lines. Those who have to do with the moulding and shaping of the lives and principles of men in the future must be educated, and if they are to influence in the right way they must be trained or educated in the right kind of schools.

The tendency of the present time seems to be to drift away from rather than to aid the young in accepting the truth as we hold it, therefore the necessity of Baptist schools for the training of Baptist boys and girls. We therefore endorse and advise our people to patronize our denominational high schools in the state, and to contribute to their support in every reasonable way.

That we send our girls to Meredith College for their college training, our boys to Wake Forest College and our young preachers to the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, as soon as they are prepared to go. Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HUMPHREY,
J. A CAMPBELL.

Remarks by Rev. W. J. Jones. Report adopted.
Report on the Orphanage read by Rev. W. J. Jones:

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

One test of pure and undefiled religion before God is to care for the orphan in his affliction.

If other denominations can glory in this work the Baptists have more whereof to glory, for we rejoice that the first orphan asylum in the state was founded by a Baptist. We glory in the fact that a Baptist founded the first denominational orphanage in the State, the orphanage at Thomasville, where more children are cared for than every other denominational orphanage in this state.

We rejoice to report that Baptists have led all others in their contributions to the orphanage work in the state. This fact is attested by the splendid plant at Thomasville, where 400 children are being cared for.

While much is being done in the way of building, &c , more must be done. We have only one source of revenue—the Baptist people of North Carolina. We would urge our churches to increase their contributions to meet the enlarged demands of the work, and would especially recommend that each of our churches hold a Thanksgiving service and take a collection for the orphanage.

We would also call attention to the reduced rates at which Charity and Children is offered to Sunday schools and commend the paper for its real worth and also for the revenue it brings to the institution.

J. W. COBB,
W. R. McKENZIE.

Remarks. The brethren pledge to take collections in the Sunday schools and a Thanksgiving collection in the churches. Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by R. J. Leggett:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions has a very important place among the different objects of our Convention. The Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has a worthy task to perform in the evangelization of the territory set apart for its great work. The rapid growth of industries, the great flood of immigrants who are coming into its territory make it very essential to us to be true to its cause. The mixed character of the population: Our southern territory contains about 25,000,000 people; 9,000,000 of these are negroes and 5,000.000 foreigners Cuba's 1.500,000 people are of blended races, in large part ignorant, priest-ridden and poor, blindly given up to a religion that debases and blights every land in which it is dominant. Protestant Christianity to day, as never before, is confronted with the problem of the American city. The great steamship companies are dumping over a million immigrants a year on our shores who are for the most part ignorant and vicious, believing in homes without marriage, government without law and religion without Christ It is generally admitted that the great cities rule the nation, and it is becoming more evident each year that foreigners rule the great cities. From a spiritual point of view it has been a great year for the Home Board. During the past year there were 22,404 baptisms and 18,015 additions by letters, making a splendid average of 11[illegible] additions a day for the entire year. In view of the imperative needs of the board we recommend that the churches raise for its work every dollar possible the ensuing year, also that the Home Field, published by the board, be more largely taken in all our churches.

ARCH. ROYAL,
G. A. BAIN,
R. J. LEGGETT.

P. S.—It is generally understood that Home Missions is within the bounds of the Southern States. Respectfully,

YOUR COMMITTEE.

Discussed by R. J. Leggett. Report adepted.

Report on Obituaries read:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the year just closed about 25 of our brethren and sisters of this association have been called away. The angel of death keeps busy. He knocks alike at the door ot the cottage and home of the well-to-do. He is no respecter of persons. Death is the great leveler and the great exalter. From high places it brings men down low and from low places it takes them up higher.

This is an eternal message to us both to be ready and to scatter our flowers of love ere it is too late. Let us help to make the pathway of our fellows brighter as they journey to tne eternal home.

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art and to dust returnest,
Was not written of the soul."

J. B. DOWNING.

Bro. R. P. Howell made the report of Auditing Committee stating that the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee's reports have been audited and found correct.

The Association voted $10.00 of the Associational Mission money to Miss Mary Bennett, who labored as a missionary in the Association, the same to be paid over to Mrs. S. A. Howard.

$10.00 of the Associational Mission money was voted toward the minute fund.

Report on Associational Missions was read:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We come once again to bear you the good message that Zion has gloriously prospered Peace prevails and "forward" has been the watchword of the year.

Our financial statement is as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Balance 1908	$ 20.36
Received from the churches	403.22
Total	$423.58

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. G. A. Bain	$ 36 00	
" R Honeycutt	36 00	
" E. Lee Fox	25.00	
" T. J Hood	300.00	
" Expenses	44	
	$397.44	397.44
Balance on hand		$ 26.14

You have gotten into the habit of paying out every year, and although the amount appropriated this year was nearly twice as much as last year you have nobly responded and paid every dollar.

During the year we have assisted the churches at Royal's Chapel. Beulah, Brown's, Mary's Chapel, Jordon's Chapel, Canaan. Manley's Chapel. At these churches 32 have been received by baptism every one of these mission churches having accessions by baptism This money was well spent.

During the year 238 were added to our churches by baptism, which is cause for congratulation.

Brethren, the work is not done. There is yet necessity for aiding some of these weaker churches and we implore your continued support.

EX. BOARD.

J. C. Williford read the apportionment for Associational Missions. [See table of pledges.]

Report and apportionment adopted.

Report on Woman's Work, prepared by Mrs. S. A. Howard, was presented.

On motion it was voted that the Association recognize the work of our sisters and that $15.00 per month be given by the Association to the support of the Woman's Missionary Society.

G. E. Lineberry addressed the Association on education.

Resolution of appreciation for the entertainment of the Association is unanimously passed.

A committee composed of W. J. Jones, J. T. Williams and J. C. Williford was appointed to prepare a resolution of appreciation of the work of the retiring Clerk. The following is the resolution:

Resolved, That this Association feels deeply the loss of Bro. Jno. A. Oates as he goes from us to take up work in the Cumberland Association. and that it expresses its hearty appreciation of the nine years of excellent service rendered by him as clerk of this body.

After a fraternal goodbye the Association adjourned to meet at Concord in 1910.

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator.

JNO. A. OATES, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates, provided that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate, and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members, who shall have the superintendence of Associational missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the Annual Session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Article 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 21st, 1908, to October 20th, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Received from all sources		$649 54

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. A. Oates—Minutes and Clerk	$ 35.00	
" Rev. W. M. Page—ministerial relief	6 08	
" Orphanage	74.38	
" H. A. Cooper for Jordan's Chapel	20 35	
" E. T Turlington, Associational Missions	163.73	
" Treasurer Baptist State Convention	334.70	
" Miss Mary Bennett—for Mission Work	13 76	
" Postage, &c.	1 54	
		$649 54

ROBT. N. BUTLER, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

R. P. HOWELL, Chm'n,
G. M. BASS,
GEO. W. STARLING,
Committee.

October 22, 1909.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Antioch – G. W. Starling, Ransom Starling, C. C. Strickland.
Autryville John L. Autry, L. M. Cooper, A. G. Strickland.
Baptist Chapel—C. B. Tew, Hiram Tew, James Jackson, J. B. Wrench, J. T. Williams.
Beulah—J. B. Young, J. B. Rayner.
Brown's—H. B. Jordan.
Canaan—Frank McCullen, R. H. Hudson, G. W. Strickland.
Centre—W. R. Williams, J. H. Mathis, R. P. Royal.
Clement—E. L. Hall, Blackman Williams, J. T. Royal.
Concord—John B. Downing, Enoch Hall, R. L. Hall.
Elizabeth—Luther Porter, A. H. McLemore, T. S. Faircloth.
Fayetteville—D. J. Breece, J. W. Tomlinson, John A. Oates, E. J. Humphrey, F. H. Hobbs.
Hickory Grove—D. W. Tew, W. R. Warren, J. R. Strickland.
Jordan's Chapel—C. M. Edwards, Julius Jernigan, T. L. Hudson.
Long Branch—G. B. Bledsoe, Sion Horne, A. N. Hall.
Macedonia—John A. Carter, D C. Carter, M. H. Sessoms.
Magnolia—W J. Watson, J. H. Bryant, J. E. Hubbard.
Manly's Chapel—B. E. Rose, Lonnie Sasser.
Mary's Chapel—G. M. Bass, M. J. Bradshaw.
Mill Creek—J. A. Horne, T. L. Horne, John D. Hair.
Mt. Elam—B Warren, S. E. Jackson, O. S. Tyndall, D. H. Jackson, H. W. Jackson.
Piney Green—Archibald Royal, J. S. Simmons, Iverson Royal.
Pleasant Grove—D. L. Downing, C. C. Bullard, C. J. Smith.
Pleasant Union—W. R. McKenzie, J. E. Horn, E. S. Howard.
Roseboro—P. P. Howell, W. L. Stevens, L. G. Brock.
Royal's Chapel—W. H. Taylor, C. H. Butler, Malcolm Royal.
Salemburg—Anderson Royal, J. A. Turlington, A. F. Cooper, W. A. Baggett.
Spring Branch—J. C. Williford, O. D. Strickland, David Williford, S. L. Jackson, Autry Baggett.
Union Grove—James Hollingsworth, Robert Howard, Walter Williams.
White Oak—T. J. Wilson, J. R. Butler, W. T. Owen.

MEMBERSHIP TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Male	Female	Total
Antioch	18	3		20		1	34	48	82
Autryville	8	6		4			34	53	87
Baptist Chapel	8	3		4	2	2	103	136	239
Beulah	4		2			1	8	30	38
Browns	1		2	4		1	23	24	47
Canaan	6	1				1	11	36	47
Center	8	1	1	1			40	52	2
Clement	2			6	2		62	89	151
Concord	...		1	7			44	115	159
Elizabeth	13			4		1	54	52	106
Fayetteville	...	25		15		6	13	246	381
Hickory Grove	3	2		1			29	52	81
Jordan's Chapel	6	2	2			1	10	8	18
Long Branch	5					3	52	85	137
Macedonia	14	1	1	2	1		22	48	70
Magnolia	11	1	1	3			40	71	111
Manley's Chapel	2	...	2				10	14	24
Mary's Chapel	8	5	2		1		10	20	30
Mill Creek	...	2			3	2	31	59	90
Mt Elam	10	3					56	93	149
Piney Green	49	1	3	5		1	86	157	243
Pleasant Grove	4	10		1			15	18	33
Pleasant Union	1	2	1	8	9		20	40	60
Roseboro	6	6		4			37	35	72
Royal's Chapel	5	2		1		1	10	18	28
Salemburg		10		8		1	91	108	199
Spring Branch	11	2	1	6	2	2	161	193	354
Union Grove	5	1	2	1			40	44	84
White Oak	11	8		5		1	40	51	91

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS

	Enrollment	Months Open	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES
Antioch	34	12	G. W. Starling	Wade
Autryville	75	12	Jno. L. Autry	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	100	8	N. T. Williams	Cooper
Beulah	44	12	J. B. Young	Dunn, R 5
Brown's				
Canaan	45	6	Lovett Eldridge	Beasley
Centre	108	9	M. F. House	Wade
Clement	103	10	J. T Royal	Autryville R 1,
Concord	46	9	J B. Bedsole	Autryville
Elizabeth	41	8	M. O. Williams	Parkersburg, R F.D
Fayetteville	438	12	Jno. A. Oates	Fayetteville
Hickory Grove	55	6	W. O. Gilbert	Clinton, R 6
Jordan's Chapel	81	9	G. W. Edwards	Beasley R 1
Long Branch	94	7	G. B. Bledsole	Autryville
Macedonia	55	8	D. C. Carter	Buckhorn
Magnolia	54	12	I. B Bryant	Stedman
Manley's Chapel	76	12	B. F. Sasser	Mt. Olive
Mary's Chapel	50	7	J. E Bass	Keener
Mill Creek	55	...	M. M. Sessoms	Roseboro
Mt Elam	105	9	J. T. Williams	Cooper
Piney Green	100	9	I. T. McLamb	Huntley
Pleasant Grove		...		
Pleasant Union	45	9	W. R. McKenzie	Roseboro
Roseboro	101	12	C. C. Howard	Roseboro
Royal's Chapel	66	9	J. H. Parker	Clinton
Salemburg	212	12	A. P. Howard	Salemburg
Spring Branch	180	12	O. D. Strickland	Dunn R. F. D.
Union Grove	65	...	R. W. Howard	Autryville
White Oak	91	9	H. J. Duncan	Clinton

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Churches	Pastors	Postoffices	Clerks.	Postoffices	Time of Preaching
Antioch	M. W. Naylor	Dunn, N. C.	Jno. L. Williams	Dunn, N. C.	2nd
Autryville	W. J. Jones	Salemburg	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	3rd
Baptist Chapel	G. A. Bain	Dunn	R. S. Bennett	Cooper R. 1	2nd
Beulah	R. Honeycutt	Clinton	J. B. Young	Dunn	4th
Brown's	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	W. C Howard	Clinton	2nd
Canaan	G. A. Bain	Dunn	Mrs E. Hudson	Beasley R. 2	3rd
Center	G. A. Bain	Dunn	E. F. Page	Wade R. 1	4th
Clement	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	H. E. Matthews	Wade	4th
Concord	T. J. Baker	Parkton	L. V. Hair	Autryville	1st
Elizabeth	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	T. S. Faircloth	Parkersburg	1st
Fayetteville	J. J. Hall D. D.	Fayetteville	A. H. Watson	Fayetteville	Every
Hickory Grove	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	J. R. Strickland	Clinton	2nd
Jordan's Chapel	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	T. L. Hudson	Beasley R. 2.	4t
Long Branch	W R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	H. I. Hall	Hayne	4th
Macedonia	John Prevatte	Buie	A. B. Carter	Fayetteville R.5.	1st
Magnolia	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	W. J. Watson	Stedman	1st
Manley's Chapel	T. J Hood	Goldsboro	B. F. Sasser	Mt. Olive	4th
Mary's Chapel	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	J. E. Bass	Keener	2nd
Mill Creek	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	John Horne	Roseboro	3rd
Mt. Elam	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	J. F. Jackson	Huntley	3rd
Piney Green	J. O. Tew	Fayetteville	H. G. Sessoms	Huntley	2nd
Pleasant Grove	John Prevatte	Buie	E. H. Bullard	Fayetteville	1st
Pleasant Union	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	E. S. Howard	Roseboro	3rd
Roseboro	J. W. Cobb	Lumber Bridge	L. G. Brock	Roseboro	3rd
Royal's Chapel	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	C. H. Butler	Clinton	4th
Salemburg	W. J. Jones	Salemburg	A. P. Howard	Salemburg	2 & 3
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Bules Creek	A. B. Giles	Dunn	1st
Union Grove	G. A. Bain	Dunn	Charlie Williams	Autryville	1st
White Oak	J. L. Stewart	Clinton	J. R. Butler	Clinton	3rd

PLEDGES FOR 1910

STATISTICAL TABLE

Asked for Associational Missions	State Missions	S. S. Missions	Foreign Mis'ns	For Brown's Church	Ministerial Relief	CHURCHES	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minute Fund	Orphanage	Minister's Relief	S. S. Missions	Education	Other Objects	Pastors Salary
$12 00	$......	$......	$......	$......	$ 1 00	Antioch	$ 5 69	$ 1 70	$......	$ 1 71	$ 1 25	$ 2 24	$......	$......	$......	$ 27 60	$ 59 85
15	10 00	3 00	17 00	1 00	2	Autryville	9	5	......	12 50	50	12	1 70	......	......	25	100
35	10	10	20	2	......	Baptist Chapel	26	8 60	6 37	20	2 70	35	1	1 50	1 20	116 50	125
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15	5	1	5	......	......	Centre	8 85	1 15	2 74	3 68	1	1 15	......	......	......	21 20	60
20	10	2	5	1	2	Clement	16 52	......	......	1 60	2	1 60	1	......	......	5 78	......
15	10	......	5	1	1	Concord	7 84	5 35	3 42	5 57	1 20	......	......	......	......	54 30	125
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20	15	5	15	5	2	Roseboro	10	5 57	5 30	5 06	1	10	5 53	......	......	27 27	125
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45	85	12	100	2	1	Spring Branch	37 66	76 95	51 45	110 80	4	99 97	10 82	10	4 81	98 56	300
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South River Baptist Association

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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

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OCTOBER 19, 20, 21, 1910

OFFICERS

J. L. AUTRY, Moderator, - Autryville, (R. F. D.) N. C.
L. G. BROCK, Clerk, - - - Roseboro, N. C.
R. N. BUTLER, Treasurer, - - Salemburg, N. C.

NEXT MEETING

TIME: October 18th, 19th, 20th, 1911.
PLACE: Roseboro.

Introductory Sermon — Rev. W. J. Jones.
Missionary Sermon — Rev. D. W. Tew.

THE INDEX PRINTING HOUSE
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

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Wm. Bland,	Hawley's Store
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5. Appointment of committee.
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Rev. A. L. Betts, representing the Biblical Recorder.

Rev. E. Lee Fox, from the Eastern.

Rev. John Prevatt, from the Robeson.

Rev. E. I. Olive, from the Cumberland.

Miss. Iula Olive, Missionary.

Petitionary letter of Hood's Chapel church, being a letter of a new church asking admission into the South River Association. The church was unanimously received, the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to its pastor, T. J. Hood. Petitionary letter of Godwin church being a letter of dismission from the Cumberland Association to join the South River Association was presented and the church received. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to its delegates.

Petitionary letter of Corinth church, being a new church, and asking admission into the South River Association, the church was unanimously received. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to its pastor, W J. Jones.

Rev. A. L. Betts read report on periodicals:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

"**Extracts From Report at State Convention.**— The Biblical Recorder has held a peculiar place in the affections of those who have known it during all the years of its life.—There has been no growth but the Recorder was its prophet; no new enterprise or institution but the Recorder was the herald of its advance.—But now to the obligations of gratitude and to the consideration of our own interest has been added a new reason.— We have taken upon ourselves the right and power of an equal share in naming its editor and directing its policy.—Necessarily there follows a new responsibility.Having in our hands the right to advise in its managements, we should have in our hearts the desire to give it a larger success.

From this day on, the Recorder should be a recognized agency of our Convention, a department of our work, entitled to its own place on our programs and to its own share of our affections. The Recorder should stand at the door of the Convention and of the various Associations, not as a beggar seeking subscriptions, but as the voice of a great denomination calling us and all of us into a greater knowledge and a larger work. If through the Recorder we can reach our people every week, if they can come to know our work and its needs, if in its pages there may be established a community o thought and interest, then we may expect greater and still greater things for our cause, our growth, and our usefulness to the world.

Why North Carolina Baptists Should Take and Read It.

—It is a newspaper whose specialty is the news of the kingdom to which they belong.

It is a strictly religious paper.

It aims, true to its name, to be thoroughly Biblical.

It undertakes to be fraternally but firmly Baptistic, loyal to Baptist doctrine, devoted to Baptist agencies stimulating to Baptist progress, expressive of Baptist life.

It is a State paper, representing exclusively and impartially the Baptist people in every part of North Carolina and being especially designed for them.

It is the only paper covering its field, others dealing with sections of our territory or segments of our work, while the Biblical Recorder embraces all our work in all our State.

It is distinctively Baptist property, being now owned by a few more than one hundred North Carolina Baptists who, without any one having a majority of the stock, hold it not for financial gain, but for the good of the cause and the glory of God.

It is the organ of our Baptist State Convention, this body naming its editor, safe guarding its policy, utilizing its columns, and having reports on it every year.

It is among us the one great unifying agency: territorially, making neighbors of widely separated churches; organically, relating each reader to the whole of our State denominational work; doctrinally binding us together in our views of Bible truth and duty.

It is essential to the highest efficiency of a North Carolina Baptist; for there can be no efficiency without intelligence, nor intelligence without information, —particularly the information about our work which is available week after week in the Biblical Recorder pages.

It recognizes a mutual need: for not only would it go into every Baptist home in the State as a benefactor informing, inspiring, up building, outworking; but also it would go as a beneficiary to receive new friendship, sympathy, co-work and prayer.

It is proven by seventy-five years of usefulness to be worth while; and today with larger circulation than ever before, with growing work to chronicle and to do, with widening life to present, with an enlarging outlook to beckon onward, it rejoices in the hearty endorsement of our leaders and fellow-workers in the Lord.

Hence the Biblical Recorder may truly claim what it ardently desires—A place by every Baptist fireside in North Carolina."

A. L. BETTS,
J. W. COBB,
T. J. HOBB.

Program Committee Reported as follows:

Thursday—9:30	Devotional Exercises.
10:00	Miscellaneous Business.
10:30	State Missions.
11:30	Sunday School Missions.
12:00	Missionary Sermon.
2:00	Foreign Missions.
2:45	Ministerial Relief.
3:15	Education.
3:45	Orphanage.
Friday—9:30	Devotional Exercises
10:00	Miscellaneous Business.
10:30	Home Missions.
11:00	Associational Missions.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Association convened at 9:30 a. m.. Devotional exercises conducted by Jno. A. Oates.

Roll of churches called and several responded with letters.

Invitation to Corresponding Messengers.

E. L. Middleton,

J. W. Tomlinson,
H. B. Downing,
J. B. Newton,

Responded and were welcomed by Moderator.

The report on State Missions was read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

North Carolina is sacred ground to us. Therefore we ought to want it to be on a higher plane of religeon.

In some parts they know not the gospel, as we have it. The board is the channel through which we are trying to give the gospel to every part of the State.

The work has succeeded well thus far. It has been the starting of some of our strongest churches who now are giving more than was given them. So the work in its multiplying is an evidence that the Lord is pleased with it.

In harmony with other Associations be it:

"Resolved 1.—That we request the pastors of this Association, the executive committee, and such laymen as are willing to take part, to plan for a Mission campaign within the bounds of the Association; and we urge each church to invite the pastors to give it a day during this campaign.

We recommend that each church appoint a mission committee whose duty it shall be to solicit and collect pledges from each member for each of the Mission objects.

We suggest that envelopes for the different objects be secured and furnished each church through which payments may be made on the pledges.

The same to be paid as follows —Home Missions January and February, Foreign Missions March and April. Education May.

Sunday Schools, July.

State Missions August, September and October. Orphanage November and once a month in Sunday Schools.

Old Ministers, December.

We recommend that our churches help the State Mission board the very best they can.

Respectfully,

M. W. NAYLOR,
E. LEE FOX.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Sunday Schools are growing. The work has become a world-wide movement of great influence.

Baptists are beginning to see more and more the great value of co-operation in this work and we are organizing Sunday School conventions, institutes and training schools as never before.

We are using less of sentiment and more of practical plans in our Sunday School activities.

We want the work in the South River to be as good as the best .

We therefore recommend to our churches the following as our policy for next year.

1.—That we organize a Sunday School in every church and at such other points as may be needed..

Further that all our Schools be evergreen or perennial as far as possible.

2.—That our pastors, officers and deacons make a special effort to reach more of our church members and all the children and the adults.

3.—That we thoroughly organize our Sunday School forces for enlargement and improvement and that we hold for this purpose at least one convention and one institute.

4—That we co-operate with our State Sunday School committee and secretary and that to this end we pledge for Sunday School Missions as for other Mission objects.

5—That all our Sunday Schools be requested to take one collection a month for the orphanage.

6—That there be a standing Sunday School Committee to carry out the above work and co-operate with the State secretary.

E. L. MIDDLETON.

The Moderator named the following committee:

To nominate Executive Board: M. W. Naylor, I. C. Howard, Jno. L. Autry, A. N. Hall,.

Association dismissed by J. W. Cobb.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 1:30 p. m.

Letters called for and read from churches not previously reported.

Report on Ministers' Relief was read and discussed by W. J. Jones. Report adopted. Pledges taken.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

There is no need in our State greater than that of supporting our old Ministers. They have fought the battles that brought us victory.

They have labored through the best of the day, and have sacrificed themselves for the cause that we enjoy. Their salaries have not been sufficient to support their families.

Because of these conditions we do most earnestly beg our Association to contribute to their necessities.

J. C. WILLIFORD,
W. J. JONES.

Report on the Orphanage read by G. M. Bass. Report adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

"The child is father of the man," and if you wish to have valiant and useful men in the coming days, the children must be taken care of in our days.

There is no call, perhaps, which comes so close to the hearts of all of us as that of the fatherless child. It is a striking feature of the Orphanage management, that it does not appeal to the sympathy of the people in order to get them to give financial aid; but it appeals rather, to their sense of opportunity. We should not help the Ohphanage because we feel it our duty to be charitable, but rather, because we wish to take advantage of the opportunity we have to help share the destinies of so many boys and girls.

We rejoice to know that the North Carolina Baptists have, in a measure, seen their opportunity and have been making such excellent use of it.

The Baptists were first in the organization, and have been foremost in the maintenance of a denominational Orphanage in North Carolina.

The services it has rendered can never be estimated; nor can its past services be compared with today's opportunities.

While we are deeply grateful for the great work of the Orphanage, and are glad to report its splendid condition, we wish, too, to emphasize the fact that it belongs to our Baptist people, and that it is looking to them for support. Its broader opportunity for services brings with it a greater demand that we awake to a larger conception of our duty and opportunity.

We recommend, therefore, that our churches increase their contributions for the work; that a special contribution be made at Thanksgiving; that each Sunday school take a monthly collection for this work, and that this collection be turned in as subscriptions to "Charity and Children" to be distributed in the Sunday schools each Sunday—thus giving the people a better idea of the Orphanage work and keeping them in touch with its demands, as well as furnishing them a paper of genuine worth.

J. C. WILLIFORD,
G. M. BASS.

The following are named for Executive Board for the coming year: R. L. Hall, J. C. Williford, S. A. Howard, E. T. Turlington, R. P. Howell, G. M. Bass, C. M. Hall.

Benediction by Rev. W. J. Jones.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Association convened at 9:30.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. B. Newton.

Chapter 91st, Psalm.

Report on Home Missions read by J. W. Cobb.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This is an age of trusts, combines, corporations and monopolies.

These may be an evil and often are, but they may not be evils but blessings. We want to bring to your attention today the greatest combine in all the world and which is the greatest blessing of any in all the world.

It is this, "go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This means that every man, woman and child should be united in one gigantic company.

Jesus the Captain of this great organization said for us to begin at home in the formation of it. This is Home Missions. Home Missions means to us our work in the Southern States, Cuba and Panama.

In our own State it includes giving the gospel to our native population, the Indians, the negroes and the foreigners in the South, also our mountain school work.

The Home Board has about 1100 workers in its employ. Last year they baptized 25000 converts and yet they have only touched the hem of the garment of Home Mission work.

Last year North Carolina gave to this great work about $18000, a little less than the year before. May the Lord help us to go far beyond that amount this year.

This Board needs your sympathy, your prayers and your money.

J. W. COBB,
L. G. BROCK,

Discussed by J. W. Cobb. Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the year just past a number of the faithful ones have fallen on sleep. Unto their friends and loved ones we tender the loving sympathy of this Association. The loving injunction "Be ye also ready," arises before us as we survey the life and death of men.

We would pay especial tribute to the life of Henry A. Cooper, of Salemburg. He has heard the call to come up higher.

He was filled and prepared for an abundant entrance. On Sept. 23rd, 1910 was a glorious transition to him from service and pain to glory above.

His was a well filled life—full of labor and never weary, full of faith without a flaw, full of love without alloy, and with a vision of life and death without a cloud.

He enriched our Association by his faithful services, his good life and his gentleness of soul as he mingled among us.

As we pay loving tribute to his abiding life we would shower words of comfort upon his loved ones. Those who remain on this side remember the past and look beyond unto the things that are to be .

He lives in the hearts of his brethern and he lives in the presence of his God.

J. B. DOWNING,
JNO. A. OATES.

The Sunday School Board was requested to prepare a program for a meeting to be held on the 2nd Sunday in each year.

R. P. Howell made the report of Auditing Committee stating that the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee's reports have been audited and found correct.

R. P. HOWELL,
I. C. HOWARD.

Corresponding Messengers called for, Bro. Archibald Johnson, representing the Orphanage, responding.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We come once again to bear you the good message that Zion has gloriously prospered, peace prevails and "Forward" has been the watchword of the year.

Our financial statement is as follows:

Receipts:

Balance from 1909	$6.14
Received from churches	385.46
Total	$391.60

Disbursements:

Rev. T. J. Hood,		$273.00
" E. L. Fox,		25.00
" J. M. Duncan,		21.00
" R. Honeycutt,		25.00
Postage.		20
	$344.20	344.20
Balance on hand		47.40

During the year we have assisted the following churches: Royal's Chapel, Brown's, Mary's Chapel, Manley's Chapel, Jordan'sChapel, Beulah, Canaan, and Antioch.

As a result of the above expenditures, there have been over fifty additions to the above churches.

The field is white unto the harvest, there is much more to be done. The Board thanks each of the churches for their liberal support in this work.

For many years they have enabled us to settle the year's work without any debt.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

G. M. Bass read the apportionment for Associational Missions. (See table of pledges.)

Report and apportionment adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We praise God for his signal blessings upon this great work which has changed the hearts of multitudes, and the face of nature in many parts of heathen lands. The call is still urgent to look on the fields, which as never before are white unto the harvest.

The work of the Southern Baptist Board tells of 331 Missionaries in the field, 375 native helpers, 259 churches, and 559 out-stations, with a total membership of 16,596. It also has 225 Sunday schools with 10,430 scholars.

These churches with the missionaries contributed last year $40.287. We have four excellent printing plants sending out into theheathen darkness thousands of religious tracts,periodicals, books and Bibles.

We had in work nearly 3000 converts last year.

We need a greatly enlarged contribution from all our churches for Foreign Mission work.

We appeal to all our churches to fall in line and aid in the extension of the Lord's kingdom and the giving of the gospel to every creature. We urge the formation of Missionary Study Classes, Sunbeam societies and every auxiliary that will impart knowledge of missionary facts and that will develop the missionary spirit among our people.

JNO. PREVATT.

Discussed by Archibald Johnson. Report adopted.

On motion the next session of the Association will be held with the Roseboro Baptist church.

By motion Canaan is authorized to move or trade its present house to the new location.

On motion a letter of dismission to Magnolia to unite with the Cumberland Association is granted.

Resolution of appreciation for the entertainment of the Association is unanimously passed.

The Association voted $10.00 to the clerk for his services.

On motion it was voted that the Association recognize the work of our sisters, and that Miss. Iula Olive be hired again for 1911. And that her salary be not less than $30.00 per month and the Association pay at least one half of this amount.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From Oct. 22nd, 1909 to Oct. 19th, 1910.

Receipts.

Received from all sources	$612.44

Disbursements.

Paid Jno. A. Oates—Minutes and Clerk	$25.00
" Rev. W. M. Page—minister's relief	10.59
" Orphanage	33.55
" H. A. Cooper (Jordan's Chapel)	5.00
" E. T. Turlington, Associational Missions	257.68
" Treasurer Baptist State Convention	228.69
" Miss Iula Olive, for Mission Work	51.05
Cash in Bank of Roseboro	88
	$612.44

ROBT. N. BUTLER, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

R. P. HOWELL,Chm'n,
I. C. HOWARD,
R. L. HALL,
Oct. 21st, 1910. Committee.

On motion the old Sunday school Board was reelected and was asked to arrange a program.

On motion delegates were elected to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion E. I. Olive was elected committee to go to Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion J. B. Newton, was elected member of State Board from this Association.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained minister's having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to one additional delegate, and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5 The officrs of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the church composing this Association by a majority of the members voting and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an executive board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association for their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12 The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates, except that of voting.

Arictle 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached, at each annual session, an introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15 This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two thirds of the membership present.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Antioch —Aster Barefoot, H. R. Strickland, L. W. Starling.

Autryville —Jno. L. Autry, Foy Autry, L. W. Strickland.

Baptist Chapel—J. B. Wrench, A. B. Page, C. M. Hall, N. T. Williams, R. L. Bennett.

Beulah—

Brown's—H. B. Jordan, S. H. Jordan, W. C. Howard.

Canaan—

Center—D. C. Mathis, R. R. House, D. J. Lockamy.

Clement—J. C. Godwin, Loue Fisher, H. E. Mathews.

Concord—J. B. Downing, R. L. Hall, W. B. Horne.

Elizabeth—E. K. Faircloth, O. B. McLemore,, A. H. Faircloth.

Hickory Grove—D. W. Tew, W. O. Gilbert, Theo. Herring.

Jordan's Chapel—

Long Branch—G. W. Jolly, O. D. Hall, Raeford Hall.

Macedonia—John A. Carter, A. L. Carter, M. H. Sessoms.

Magnolia—J. M. Beard, A. J. Hall, J. H. Bryant.

Manley's Chapel—Lonnie Sasser.

Mary's Chapel—R. W. Bass, G. M. Bass.

Mill Creek—L. D. Hall, M. M. Sessoms, J. O. Hair.

Mt. Elam—J. T. Williams, D. A. Jackson, W. R. Warren.

Piney Green—A. Tyndall, Lewis Spell, H. G. Sessoms.

Pleasant Grove—

Pleasant Union—W. R. McKenzie, J. E. Horne, R. K. Sessoms.

Roseboro—R. P. Howell, L. G. Brock, W. L. Stevens.

Royal's Chapel—G. W. Honeycutt, W. R. Taylor, J. A. Canida.

Salemburg—A. F. Howard, A. F. Cooper, I. C. Howard.

Spring Branch—J. A. Baggett, D. F. Blue, J. C. Williford, Edgar Naylor, Wilbut Jackson.

Union Grove—Henry Tew, J. R. Williams, W. B. Honeycutt.

White Oak—John Williamson, J. R. Butler, A. Simmons.

Corinth—

Godwin—

Hood's Chapel—

Sent letters asking admission with no delegates.

MEMBERSHIP TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Male	Female	Total
Antioch	4	5	...	3	...	1	31	47	78
Autryville	13	8	1	1	...	...	49	61	110
Baptist Chapel	9	2	...	2	2	1	103	137	240
Browns	5	2	...	...	...	...	25	29	54
Canaan	2	...	...	1	1	...	9	36	45
Center	3	...	...	4	1	...	38	51	89
Clement	5	2	...	2	2	3	61	89	150
Concord	10	...	...	1	3	1	42	121	163
Corinth	...	...	...	.	...	...	...		...
Elizabeth	5	2	...	6	...	1	55	59	114
Godwin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoods Chapel	...	...	...	...	...		12	20	32
Hickory Grove	...	...	...	2	5	...	24	47	71
Jordan's Chapel	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	8	18
Long Branch	...	...	1	2	...	1	51	85	136
Macedonia	7	...	1	...	...	...	27	51	78
Magnolia	10	2	...	7	...	1	39	73	112
Manley's Chapel	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	14	24
Mary's Chapel	2	1	2	...	3	1	11	20	31
Mill Creek	7	1	...	2	1	2	31	63	94
Mt. Elam	13	2	...	6	...	2	65	120	185
Piney Green	...	...	...	...	3	7	83	151	234
Pleasant Grove	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Union	...	...	...	...	1	1	20	40	60
Roseboro	...	17	...	2	...	...	45	40	85
Royal's Chapel	4	2	1	...	...	1	10	24	34
Salemburg	19	11	...	13	...	3	121	106	227
Spring Branch	22	1	...	11	6	7	167	190	357
Union Grove	...	...	...	4	3	7	33	37	70
White Oak	...	3	...	3	...	3	37	55	92

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS

	Enrollment	Months Open	SUPERINTENDENTS	POST OFFICES
Antioch	47	12	G. W. Starling	Wade
Autryville	104	12	Jno. L. Ausry	Autryville
Baptist Chapel	80	8	N. T. Williams	Cooper
Browns	35	9	B. A. Carr	Clinton
Canaan	45	...	L. Eldridge	Beasley
Center	104	12	M. F. House	Wade
Clement	80	12	H. E. Matthews	Wade
Concord	33	9	E. W. Jackson	Autryville
Corinth	...	...	...	...
Elizabeth	30	8	R. E. Hobbs	Parkersburg
Godwin	...	...	...	...
Hood's Chapel	...	...	...	...
Hickory Grove	...	...	...	...
Jordan's Chapel	81	9	G. W. Edwards	Beasley, R. 1
Long Branch	94	7	G. B. Bedsole	Autryville
Macedonia	55	6	M. H. Sessoms	Fayetteville, R. 5
Magnolia	60	12	J. M. Beard	Stedman
Manley's Chapel	76	12	B. F. Sasser	Mt. Olive
Mary's Chapel	50	8	J. E. Bass	Keener
Mill Creek	50	...	M. M. Sessoms	Roseboro
Mt. Elam	85	9	Ira Baggett	Cooper, R. 1
Piney Green	80	8	I. T. McLamb	Huntly
...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Union	50	...	A. D. Parker	Roseboro
Roseboro	97	12	D. W. Tart	Roseboro
Royal's Chapel	53	9	G. W. Honeycutt	Clinton
Salemburg	213	12	A. P. Howard	Salemburg
Spring Branch	150	12	O. D. Strickland	Dunn
Union Grove	56	9	R. W. Howard	Autryville
White Oak	91	9	W. J. Butler	Clinton

PASTORS AND CLERKS

Churches	Pastors	Postoffices	Clerks	Postoffices	Time Preaching
Antioch	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	Jno. L. Williams	Dunn	4th
Autryville	W. J. Jones (for. pr)	Salemburg	F. I. McKenzie	Autryville	2nd
Baptist Chapel	G. A. Bain	Dunn	R. L. Bennett	Cooper, R. 1	2nd
Beulah					
Browns	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	W. C. Howard	Clinton	2nd
Canaan	J. M. Duncan	Clinton, R. F. D.	Mrs. J. T. Hudson	Beasley R. 2	3rd
Center	G. A. Bain	Dunn	E. F. Page	Wade	4th
Clement	G. A. Bain	Dunn	H. E. Mathews	Wade	3rd
Concord	T. J. Paker	Parkton	L. V. Hair	Autryville	1st
Corinth	W. J. Jones	Salemburg			
Elizabeth	J. O. Tew	Roseboro	O. B. McLemore	Roseboro	1st
Godwin	W. J. Jones	Salemburg			
Hickory Grove	J. O. Tew	Roseboro	J. R. Strickland	Clinton	2nd
Hood's Chapel	R. W. Bass	Keener	Alvin Royal	Clinton	
Jordan's Chapel					
Long Branch	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	H. I. Hall	Hayne	4th
Macedonia	Jno. Prevatt	Buies	A. B. Carter	Fayetteville R. 5	1st
Manley's Chapel	G. A. Bain	Dunn	B. F. Sasser	Mt. Olive	4th
Mary's Chapel	T. J. Hood	Goldsboro	J. E. Bass	Keener	2nd
Mill Creek	W. R. Johnson	Cedar Creek	Jno. Horne	Mints	3rd
Mt. Elam	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	J. F. Jackson	Huntley	3rd
Piney Green		Roseboro	H. G. Sessoms	Huntley	1st
Pleasant Grove					
Pleasant Union	J. O. Tew	Roseboro	E. S. Howard	Roseboro	3rd
Roseboro	W. J. Jones	Salemburg	L. G. Brock	Roseboro	4th
Royal's Chapel	E. Lee Fox	Clinton	C. H. Butler	Clinton	2nd
Salemburg	W. J. Jones	Salemburg	A. P. Howard	Salemburg	2nd and 4th
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell	Buies Creek	A. B. Giles	Dunn	1st
Union Grove	Jno. Prevatt	Buies	R. W. Howard	Autryville	4th
White Oak			J. R. Butler	Clinton	3rd

PLEDGES FOR 1911										STATISTICAL TABLE												
Asked for Asso'l. Missions	State Missions	S. S. Missions	Foreign Missions	For Godwin Church	For Corinth Church	Hood's Chapel	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	CHURCHES	Minute Fund	Associa'l. Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Minister's Relief	S. S. Missions	Education	Other Objects	Miss Olive Missionary	Pastor's Salary	TOTAL
$12 00	$ 2 00		$ 2 50	$	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 5 00	Antioch	$ 1 00	$21 00	$ 4 00	$ 4 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 63	$ 1 99	$ 1 00	$	$ 7 00	$ 5 00	$75 00	$ 130 62
15	5		10				2 50	25	Autryville	50	10 90	1		10 55	31 84		3				100	157 79
3			1	2 00	2 00	2	1	1	Browns		6	2		1							20	29 00
40	10		25	5	5	5	5	75	Baptist Chapel	2 40	35	10					10		18	20	125	220 40
8									Beulah													
15	5						1		Center		3 44		2 20		3 80				16 84	6	60	92 28
15	5		10	2	2	1	2	5	Concord	1 25	13 60	4 57	1 32	3 78					48 83	6	125	203 35
5			2						Canaan		2 66	3 15								1 75	18 35	25 91
20	5		15	2	2	2	2		Clement	2	20	7 05	2 68	5 66	3 51	2			4	8	125	179 90
1	5		5				3	5	Corinth													
15				1	1	1	2		Elizabeth		4	1	1	58					47	7 10	55	69 15
5	5		10				2 50	5	Godwin													
15			2				1	2 50	Hickory Grove		12			6 00	25				4 35	5 45	51 80	79 85
1	2		1				1	1	Hoods Chapel													
5									Jordan's Chapel													
20	5		5				2	5	Long Branch	1 30	6 75	6 75										13 50
15	2 50		2	50	50	50	1	2	Macedonia	1	15										60	76 00
									*Magnolia	95	4 26	2 51	1 69	2 97		1 40					75	88 87
2	1						1	2	Manley's Chapel		1 60											1 60
5	2		2	50	50	50	1	2	Mary's Chapel	50	12	2	4	4	1			1 00	75	5	30	134 50
15	1 50		2				1	3	Mill Creek	1		1	1	2 75	1 70						75	82 45
25	5		10				4	25	Mt. Elam	2 80	25	10	2 11	10	20 20	7		1 80	40 35	3	100	221 46
20	5		5				2	5	Piney Green	56	10	5	2 50	5	5				8 56		75	111 06
6	2		5	50	50	50	1	3	Pleasant Union	70	3 27			1 15						1 02		6 14
20	20		25	5	5	5 00	10	10	Roseboro	2	20	15	1 81	15	10	2	5	1		5	150 00	226 81
5	5								Royal's Chapel	75	3 27								10 54	2 10	25	50 91
50	55		120				10	50	Salemburg	2	45	55	3 83	100		4 05	5		56 67	49 20	400	720 75
50	85		105				10	85	Spring Branch	4	46	65 99	56 55	106 17	149 06	10	10	11 35	2 05	50	300	811 17
15	5		2 50				1	5	Union Grove	1	4 71			4 60								
25	5		5				2	12	White Oak	1	25		7 25	12	10					10	75	140 25

*Took Letter to Cumberland Association.

WOMAN'S WORK

IN THE

South River Baptist Association

1910

WOMAN'S WORK IN THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The women of our churches seem always to have thought that they could accomplish their best work in the quiet seclusion of the home and the family by sustained and patient perseverance in the paths of duty. It is true that their influence in church work has been felt and has propagated itself in consequence but not until recent years have they realized that their true sphereis in the church, and that their greatest triumphs must be in actual service. When we review the work our women of the Association have been doing for the past two years, we are extremely grateful that they are regarding these avenues as a sphere of useful training in Christian service. It is not all of religion to be good nor to help some one else to be good. To enjoy one's religion every day there must be some outlet for our ideas, our plans—some definite goal to reach, else we shall lose interest, become absorbed in self, and lose the idea of service. The Missionary Union serves such a purpose in the churches of the South River Association, and our women have their hearts in this forward movement. The last year's work is particularly encouraging. Its growth has been so marked that we have found it neccessary to give more time to our meetings than was possible when we held them at the time of the Association. The first regular annual meeting was held at White Oak church, Sampson county, October 8th.

After the house was called to order by the President, Mrs. S. A. Howard, and after the devotional exercises, an address of warm welcome was made by Mrs. W. R. Butler, President of the White Oak Society. Miss Iula Olive, our Missionary of the Association, responded to this welcome.

Next came the reports of the Societies of which twenty responded. The women of these societies showed themselves most faithful to their work. Some of the societies are small but their growth has been remarkable.

Mrs. C. S. Royal outlined the plans, purposes and proportions of the Union, after which Mrs. S. A. Howard gave a report of the convention at Baltimore which she attended.

Mrs. Mary Bennett Duncan, who was once our Missionary in the Association and who studied last year in the Lousiville Training School, gave an interesting address on the work of the Training School.

At the beginning of the afternoon session, Miss Ester Page made a talk on "Young Women and Missions." Mrs. Iva Royal next spoke on "Child Training," followed by a recitation by a little Sunbeam, Ola Pate.

Mrs. W. J. Jones spoke on the "Influence of Woman in the Home," in which she talked of what Christianity has done for women and of how much women owe the church in turn.

The "Forward Movement" was led by the President.

"Membership" was discussed by Miss Maggie Baggett.

"Gift" by Mrs. Lula Wilson.

Miss Iula Olive spoke on "Personal Service," followed by a recitation by Miss Florence Duncan.

Miss Olive gave a brief but interesting report of her work the past year and some plans for next year. She has been engaged in this work as our Missionary since last January, and during that time has made more than a thousand visits, has distributed hundreds of tracts, taken many subscriptions to the Recorder, and distributed numbers of bibles in homes where she found none. Her work around the fireside is of untold influence. In one instance an entire family was converted as a result of her efforts. It is unneccessary to comment on her work as she is known throughout the Association.

All in all our meeting was a splendid success, and we feel greatly encouraged. Our women are determined to push forward and their enthusiasm is sure to win.

The next meeting of the Union will be held at Spring Branch church the first Sunday in September and Saturday before.

Mrs. W. J. JONES, Secretary.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

SOCIETIES	OFFICERS	POSTOFFICES	Number Members	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Ch'ch Bldg	Support of Missionary	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	Miss Eugenia Strickland	Dunn	20	$ 1 86	$ 2 96	$ 1 85	$		$ 3 00	$ 50	$10 17
Autryville	Mrs. J. L. Autry	Autryville	14	2 57	14 73				2 50		19 80
Baptist Chapel	Mrs. Laura Royal	Cooper, R. 1	15						1 15	2 76	3 91
Center	Mrs. Perdie Royal	Wade, R. F. D								9 40	9 40
Clement	Miss Ida Mathews	Wade, R. F. D	25	86	1 68	55	86				3 95
Concord	Miss E. J. Bedsole	Autryville, R. F. D.	12							1 00	1 00
Corinth	Miss Laura Honeycutt	Clinton, R. F. D.	16								
Elizabeth	Mrs. R. E. Hobbs	Roseboro, R. F. D	28	3 50	2 60				1 00	21	7 31
Godwin	Mrs. M. E. Starling	Godwin, R. F. D.	10								
Hickory Grove	Mrs. J. H. Warren	Huntley, R. F. D	10						2 25	5 20	7 45
Jordan's Chapel	Mrs. F. B. Jordan	Mt. Olive, R. F. D	8								
Manley's Chapel	Miss Minnie Rose	“ “ “	15								
Long Branch											
Macedonia	Miss Janie Hall	Fayetteville, R. F. D.	10								
Magnolia	Miss Minnie Bryan	Stedman, R. F. D	14							1 82	1 82
Mill Creek	Mrs. Chas. Butler	Roseboro, R. F. D.									
Mary's Chapel	Mrs. —— Ford	Keener, R. F. D.	10			2 00				3 41	5 41
Mt. Elam	Miss Della Jackson	Cooper, R. F. D	12						2 25	12 10	14 35
Roseboro	Miss Floy Butler	Roseboro, R. F. D.	15						2 00	8 18	10 18
Royal's Chapel	Miss Virginia Taylor	Clinton, R. F. D.	9	1 13	1 80	85	1 50		25	11 48	17 01
Salemburg	Mrs. E. S. Royal	Salemburg, R. F. D	27	8 65	59 30	8 65			43 35		119 95
Spring Branch	Miss Augusta Williford	Dunn, R. F. D.		19 55	52 35	20 00	7 00		15 90	55	115 35
White Oak	Mrs. W. J. Butler	Clinton, R. F. D	13	6 00	8 28	3 60			6 75	3 00	28 20

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Salemburg	Miss Esther Page	Salemburg, N. C							$3 00	$4 50	$7 50

SUNBEAM SOCIETIES

SOCIETIES	OFFICERS	POSTOFFICE	Number Memb'rship	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	S. S. Missions	Support of Missionary	Other Objects	TOTAL
	LEADERS										
Antioch	Miss Jeronia Barefoot	Dunn, N. C., R. F. D.	12	$	$	$		$	$	$	$
Autryville	Mrs. F. I. McKenzie	Autryville, N. C.	12								33
Baptist Chapel	Mrs. N. T. Williams	Cooper, R. F. D	25								3 91
Browns	Mrs. W. C. Howard	Clinton, R. F. D	12						55		1 60
Center											
Clement	Mrs. Bessie Williams	Autryville, R. F. D	10								
Concord	Mrs. H. S. Bullard	Autryville, R. F. D	12								2 28
Corinth	Miss Mary Belle Royal	Clinton, R. F. D									
Manly's Chapel	Mrs. I. R. Pennington	Mt. Olive, R. No. 7	12								
Hickory Grove	Mrs. A. B. Gilber	Clinton, R. F. D	14							5 00	2 50
Long Branch	Miss Bedsole	Autryville									
Macedonia	Miss Mollie Carter	Fayetteville, R. F. D									
*Magnolia	Miss Minnie Bryan	Stedman									66
Mary's Chapel	Miss Grace Darden	Keener, R. F. D									
Mt. Elam	Miss Cora McLamb	Huntley, R. F. D.									
Piney Green	Miss Stella Taylor	Huntley, R. F. D.	25								40
Roseboro	Miss Annie Watson	Roseboro	36	2 33							2 23
Royal's Chapel	Mrs. Rosa Royal	Clinton, R. F. D.		45	10	20	20		5	2 14	3 74
Salemburg	Mrs. Virginia Royal	Salemburg	25	1 35	2 50	1 70		3 50	8 00	2 50	19 50
Spring Branch	Miss Delitha Taylor	Dunn, R. F. D.		55	1 00	3 09					7 14
Union Grove		Autryville, R. F. D								2 50	32
White Oak	Mrs. Lula Wilson	Clinton, R. F. D.	18	1 36	3 98	1 00					8 84
Godwin	Miss Myra Olive	Wade, N. C.	15								
Total			257	$ 6 04	$ 7 58	$ 5 99	20	$ 3 50	$ 8 60	$15 24	$59 71

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Spring Branch	Miss Maggie Baggett	Dunn R. 1	12	50	75	1 00				$ 6 55	$ 8 80
Salemburg	Mrs. Virginia Royal	Salemburg	12	57		1 80			$ 3 40	50	6 27
Grand Total			24	1 07	75	2 80			$ 3 40	$ 7 05	$15 07

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

John Pervatt	Buies, N. C.
W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
J. B. Newton	Salemburg, N. C.
D. W. Tew	R. F. D. No. 5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt	R. F. D. No. 5, Clinton, N. C.
G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Dunn, N. C.
J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. C. Williford, Chairman	Dunn, N. C.
E. T. Turlington, Assistant Chairman	Salemburg, N. C.
G. M. Bass, Secretary	Clinton, N. C.
C. M. Hall, Treasurer	Orange, N. C.
R. P. Howel	Roseboro, N. C.
S. A. Howard	Salemburg, N. C.
R. L. Hall	Autryville, N. C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Messengers.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Invitation to Corresponding Messengers and Visitors.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Selection of Place for Next Meeting.
7. Reports of Committees.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Adjournment.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS.

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministers Relief, Ministerial Education and the Orphanage, may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with Associational Mission money to the Unions or to the Association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church, and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your Letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

ROSEBORO BAPTIST CHURCH,
October 18th, 1911.

The South River Baptist Association met in its Thirty-Fifth Annual Session at this church, according to invitation and appointment. At 10:30 a. m. devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. L. Middleton. At 11 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. J. Jones from Philippians 4–1, and, by motion, the sermon to be published in the *Biblical Recorder*.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. Association convened for organization. Rev. E. Lee Fox conducted devotional exercises.

Capt. J. L. Autry, Moderator, appointed A. P. Howard Reading Clerk, I. C. Howard and M. W. Naylor, Finance Committee.

Roll of Churches called and eighteen responded.

Letters from Antioch, Center and Piney Green, asking for the next session, were tabled for further action.

The letter from Hoods' Chapel asked the Association to change the name to Mount Vernon, and same was granted.

The following officers were elected :

Moderator—Rev. W. J. Jones.
Clerk—A. E. Royal.
Treasurer—R. N. Butler.

A unanimous rise in honor to our retiring Moderator, Capt. J. L. Autry.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows :

To nominate Executive Board—Capt. J. L. Autry, J. E. Howard and D. W. Tew.

To receive Letters from other Associations—C. M. Hall and J. C. Parker.

To nominate Delegates to the State Convention—E. L. Gavin, E. S. Herring and J. A. Dawson.

Different Objects—J. C. Williford, R. P. Howel and A. P. Howard.

Time and Place of next Session and to select Preachers—W. R. Honeycutt, J. B. Downing and W. J. Watson.

Auditing Committee—W. J. Butler, I. T. McLamb and E. T. Turlington.

Order of Business—J. B. Newton, J. O. Tew and J. C. Williford.

Committee on Periodicals—R. P. Howel, E. Lee Fox.

Ministerial Relief—G. M. Bass and R. L. Hall.

Orphanage—I. C. Howard and W. J. Butler.

Foreign Missions—J. L. Autry and J. O. Tew.

Home Missions—R. L. Hall.

State Missions—T. E. Howard.

Obituaries—Alvin Royal, C. M. Hall and J. B. Downing.

The Moderator asked the visiting brethren to make themselves known. The following responded :

Rev. E. L. Middleton, State Secretary ; Rev. E. Lee Fox, from the Cumberland. These were welcomed by the Moderator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Sunday School work among Baptists was never more hopeful. It is far from what it ought to be, but there are many reasons for encouragement. In 1905 we had 1,741 churches with 1,290 Sunday Schools having 104,534 pupils. This year we will report about 1,915 churches, nearly 1,900 Sunday Schools and 175,000 to 180,000 pupils About 140 churches have no Sunday Schools, but we have over 100 Branches or Mission Schools; we need at least 150 more schools.

About 500 Sunday Schools close for the winter. A vigorous effort ought to be made to keep these open next winter.

The training of Officers and Teachers is our largest task now. About 1,000 will be enrolled in this years' Institutes and Training Schools, taking a part or all of the lecture courses. This work will be pressed vigorously.

September was used by our Baptist Sunday School Board in a campaign for Teacher Training. Already our Secretary has enrolled over 900 in the Normal Course. Other classes reported, but rolls not sent, assures 1,000 from this campaign. To date 2,700 are taking the Normal Course in North Carolina, and there will be 3,000 in the Convention.

The work in this Association is below the average. In the whole State the ratio of Sunday School scholars to church members is 75 to 100; in this Association it is only 64 to 100. Canaan seems to be the only church without a Sunday School. Several Sunday Schools go into winter quarters. There are several Branch Sunday

Schools, but all are not reported. As a policy for next year we recommend the following:

1. A vigorous campaign for enlargement of membership, especially among church members.
2. Improvement in organization looking to a number one school in the standard of excellence of the Sunday School Board.
3. An earnest effort to enlist our workers in increasing their efficiency by attending institutes and taking the Normal Course.
4. Hearty co-operation with our State Committee and Secretary in their general plans, including contributions for the Sunday School Mission Fund.
5. Special attention to the main business of the Sunday School which is the saving of the lost.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. NEWTON.

Discussed by Bro. E. L. Middleton. Report adopted.

Program committee report as follows:

THURSDAY.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Miscellaneous business.
10:15 a. m.—Periodicals.
10:45 a. m.—Foreign Missions.
11:00 a. m.—Missionary sermon.
2:00 p. m.—Ministerial relief.
2:30 p. m.—Temperance.
3:00 p. m.—Ministerial education.
3:30 p. m.—General education.
7:30 p. m.—State Missions.

FRIDAY.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Obituaries.
10:30 a. m.—Orphanage.
11:00 a. m.—Womans Work.
11:30 a. m.—Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association convened at 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises by C. M. Hall. Minutes read and approved. Roll of churches called and several responded with letters.

Invitation to Corresponding Messengers: Rev. G. E. Lineberry, Meredith College; Rev. J. J. Hall, Cumberland Association; Rev. E. I. Olive, Cumberland Association; Rev. J. S. Farmer, *Biblical Recorder;* Rev. J. W. Cobb, Robeson Association; Bro. C. C. Corbett, Eastern Association, and Bro. H. B. Downing, Cumberland Association, responded and were welcomed by the Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Our great source of denominational weakness is lack of information. One valuable source of helpful information is the religious press. Wherever we find people informed on the needs of the Kingdom, we find people who work and give. The *Biblical Recorder* is our denominational organ; it was never more ably edited than now. We believe every Baptist family ought to read this paper; it keeps us in close touch with every department of our denominational duties—Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Ministerial Relief, etc. It becomes a letter from brethren to brethren, it binds us close together in a general brotherhood, it advances the work of the Kingdom at every point.

We also commend, heartily, *Charity and Children*, *The Home Field*, the *Little River Record* and *Foreign Mission Journal.* These periodicals are of great value in their respective fields; our people ought to subscribe to them liberally.

R. P. Howel,
E. Lee Fox, Committee.

Discussed by G. E. Farmer. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Go into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature, is the command of Him to whom all power in heaven and earth has been given. So, it is clear that we have authority for world-wide mission head-quarters, and it is imperative that we *all* obey, and if we love Him whose dear name we bear, it should be our highest delight to give all we can to this God-appointed cause. Brethren, it is said that, practically, all the world is open to hear the gospel of Christ, and in the place of these opportunities may we not do all in our power to give the heathen the true light that they, with us, may "crown Him Lord of all"?

J. L. Autry,
J. O. Tew, Committee.

Remarks by Capt. J. L. Autry. Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We come again to bear you the message that Zion has prospered and onward has been the watchword.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1910	$ 47.10
Recived from churches, 1911	373.66
Total	$ 421.06

DISBURSEMENTS.

T. J. Hood	$ 80.00
R. W Bass	80.00
J, B. Newton	100.00
Lonnie Sasser	14.00
Reddin Honeycutt	12.00
M. W. Naylor	18.00
Miss Iula Olive	16.91
Total	$ 320.91
Balance on hand Associational Missions	$100.15

FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK—RECEIPTS.

Cash	$ 68.90

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. C. Wheeler	$ 43.21
J. F. Willis	10.85
	$ 54.06
Balance on hand	$ 14.84

We recommend that the balance be paid to Miss Iula Olive on her salary. We ask the Mission churches for the following amounts to help support the Missionary :

Brown's	$ 40.00
Canaan	20.00
Jordan Chapel	40.00
Manley's Chapel	20 00
Mary's Chapel	50.00
Mount Vernon	30.00
Royal's Chapel	40.00
	$240.00

During the year we have assisted the following churches: Royal's, Mary's, Manley's, Jordan's Chapel, Brown's, Beulah, Canaan, Antioch, Mount Vernon and Maple Grove.

As a result of the above expenditure there have been about 35 added to the above churches; the field is white unto harvest, we hope to put a man in the field for his entire time during the year.

We thank the churches for their support in the past. Having decided to increase our work it will be necessary for the churches to double their contributions.

Respectfully submitted, EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Discussed by Bros. J. C. Williford and E. T. Turlington. Report adopted.

Rev. D. W. Tew preached the Missionary Sermon from Romans 1 : 14, 15, 16; and by request Rev. J. J. Hall preached at the Methodist church from Acts 10 : 4.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 1:30. Devotional exercises by Rev. J. O. Tew. Address of Welcome by Bro. E. L. Gavin.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Board attains larger results in the way of baptisms of converts than any Home Mission Board of America. The colportage work of the Board is very successful. Every large Home Mission Board in America does colportage work similar to that done by our Board. More than eleven thousand baptisms last year resulted directly from the work of the missionaries of the Home Board, this is more than three thousand more baptisms than resulted from all classes of work done by any other Home Mission Board in America. The Evangelistic work of the Home Board, with its eighteen Evangelists, is doing a wonderful work. The mission school system, of 28 schools, is doing the most successful work of any other denomination. The Home Board has 45 missionary workers engaged for the salvation of foreign people in the South. There are about 35 missionaries among the Negroes, and 18 among the Indians. In Cuba the Board has 54 mission stations, 22 of which are organized churches, there are 34 missionaries and about 1,500 members. In Panama the Board has 13 mission stations, 8 of which are organized churches, and a membership of 582

The Southwest offers a marvelous opportunity for Southern Baptists to save a vast number of people. The Board is spending this year in New Mexico $17,000. The Home Mission apportionment for the Southern Baptists this year is $400,000, of which North Carolina is asked to raise $26,000. There are greater opportunities and more need of Home Missionaries in the South to-day than there has ever been before. R. L. HALL, Committee.

Discussed by Rev. J. J. Hall. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Board was established in 1890 and is now located in Durham. There are at present 31 beneficiaries and there are several applications before the Board; these beneficiaries receive from parties two hundred dollars a year, many of them need more. It should be the delight and joy of every Baptist in the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's Truth should suffer for the actual necessities of life. There is an increasing liberality on the part of our churches toward the work of this Board, but still nearly three-fifths of the churches of the State give nothing for this object. Only six churches in our Association contributed to this object last year.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Amended by Rev. J. W. Cobb, as follows: That each church in the Association hold a service on Christmas day for the Ministerial Relief, raising a liberal collection.

Discussed by Rev. J. W. Cobb. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

The main purpose in the foundation of our Baptist State Convention, and the establishment of Wake Forest College and our Seminary at Louisville, was to educate men called of God to preach. Our Board of Education is located at Wake Forest. After a preacher has been licensed, and recommended by his church as worthy and deserving aid from the Board, they receive him, after an examination, as a candidate for aid. During his stay at Wake Forest the College gives a poor young minister thus recommended, his tuition, but his board will be paid by the voluntary contributions of the churches of North Carolina; I think there are above fifty at Wake Forest who are looking to our churches for aid.

Our Theological Seminary at Louisville had nineteen students from North Carolina at the opening. The Seminary looks to our State to pay the board of all those who are not able to pay.

There is also a Training School for Women who desire to prepare themselves for Mission Work, as well as for general and special service in the Masters' Kingdom—a much needed institution for girls. I think it opened up with three from North Carolina.

These are our own institutions. Shall we stand by them and uphold them with our prayers, patronage and money?

General education may include our denominational High Schools, like Dell, Winterville, and a number of others in the Middle and Western sections of North Carolina.

Our Colleges are Wake Forest, Meredith and Chowan; these are all worthy of our prayers, support and patronage.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. NEWTON, Committee.

Discussed by J. B. Newton. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES.

To the State Conventon: M. W. Naylor, G. A. Bain and J. L. Autry. To the Southern Baptist Convention: W. J. Jones.

Report adopted.

Moved and carried that Bro. L. G. Brock be paid $10.00 as Clerk for the Association for 1910.

The Moderator, by the consent of the Association, called on Rev. G. E. Lineberry, who ably discussed the situation of Meredith College and urged on the brethren for their support in the work they were engaged in—educating the young ladies of our State.

Adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convened at 7:30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. M. L. Kestler, who ably discussed the Orphanage situation.

Bro. Livingston Johnson, State Secretary, also ably discussed the situation of the State Board, and with these brethren, the Association welcomed Bro. J. A. Oats from the Cumberland, who expressed himself as being at home, with several good remarks.

It was a great pleasure to have these able brethren with us.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association convened at 9:30. Devotional services conducted by brother Livingston Johnson.

The next session was located at Antioch church. Preachers for stated sermons were elected as follows: Rev. H. J. Duncan, Introducty sermon; J. O. Tew, Missionary sermon.

Committee on Order of Business for next session, to be held at Antioch church, October, 1912: Chairman, J. B. Newton; State Missions, J. A. Turlington; Home Missions, C. M. Hall; Foreign Missions, J. O. Tew; Ministerial Relief, H. J. Duncan; Ministerial and General Education, W. J. Olive; Orphanage, R. P. Howel; Associational Missions, A. F. Howard; Sunday School, Robert L. Hall; Temperance, D. W. Tew; Womans Work, S. A. Howard; Obituaries, J. E. Howard.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

There is no question with which our churches have to deal that is more vital than that of Temperance, and yet in years gone by this subject has been forced to make a fight for a prominent place in our Associations and Conventions; but in these recent years the Church of God has aroused from her slumber and is teaching her people that they are called on to put down intemperance in all of its forms. This teaching is in the truest sense Biblical. When all the followers of Christ shall have become temperate in all things it will not be long before the kingdoms of the world shall be the kingdom of Christ and God. Having these convictions your committee offer the following resolutions:

1. That we take greater care to our own people from all intoxicating liquors, but that we teach the sin of the excessive use of tobacco, as well; and especially ask our ministers to refuse tobacco in order that our churches may have more power.

Suggested resolution: Whereas, under Federal regulations inter-State shipments of intoxicating liquors are delivered to the consignee before the State can have jurisdiction of the same; and, whereas, by this arrangement the State is seriously hampered in carrying out its policies relative to the traffic in intoxicating liquors; and, whereas, we believe the State should have full control under its police powers over all liquors within its borders, whether domestic or inter-State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby declare ourselves in favor of such action by the Congress of the United States as will guarantee to the States the fullest jurisdiction over all intoxicants consigned to them from the time they enter the State; and to this end we request the members of Congress, both in the Senate and House, from this State, to support such legislation as is contemplated by the Curtis-Sheppard bill (S. 1523 and H. R. 13242) now pending in Congress.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. NORTON, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON WOMANS WORK.

Since the time of Christ the place and work of woman has been magnified and ennobled. Before this time she was almost a slave, but the influence of christianity has loosed the bonds and illustrated the truth that, "If ye be free in Christ, ye shall be free indeed."

That our women have been worthy of the position in which they have been thus placed is evidenced by the fact that marvelous success have attended their efforts. Last year in North Carolina they contributed to all our objects $31,000 and are endeavoring to make it $36,000 this year. Twenty-five years ago the amount contributed to these objects was only $500. The average increase up to the present time has been more than $1,000 annually. Throughout the Southland correspondingly rapid strides have been made, and we have wondrous cause to be grateful to God for His blessings upon this work. What our women have done in a financial way is only a secondary matter, as compared with the spirit and the sacred influences which has accompanied their labor, together. It is this spirit that has sent out many of our most effective workers in foreign lands. It has been this spirit and influence and training that have made some of the best teachers and leaders that we have had in the home land to mould the young lives entrusted to their care.

This influence has likewise trained up mothers who have it in their power to shape very largely the destiny of our government, civilization and our religion.

In presenting this brief and incomplete report your committee wishes to urge that the hearty co-operation of the pastors and the men of all the churches be given to our sisters in their endeavors to to advance the kingdom; that the Women's organizations of this Association be kept up, and that every possible effort be made to enlist in their work the women who are not now affiliated with it.

Respectfully submitted, E. I. Olive, Committee.

The report was adopted.

The committee to nominate an Executive Board recommended the old Board as follows:

J. C. Willlford, Chairman, Dunn, N. C.
E. T. Turlington, Assistant Chairman, Salemburg, N. C.
G. M. Bass, Secretary, Clinton, N. C.
C. M. Hall, Treasurer, Orange, N. C.
R. P. Howel, Roseboro, N. C.
S. A. Howard, Salemburg, N. C.

R. L. Hall, Autryville, N. C.

Report adopted.

Report of the Mission work in the Association by Rev. J. B. Newton.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

During the year just past a number of the faithful ones have passed away. Unto the loved ones we tender the love and sympathy of this Association. Among the number were two that we were very familiar with, Bro. W. B. Jackson of Spring Branch, and Bro. W. L. Hudson of Piney Green. As we pay tribute to the abiding love of all our dead, we should shower words of comfort upon their loved ones. Let us who remain here on this side remember that "Death is abroad in the land" and be ready when the summons shall come.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. HALL, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions lie at the base of all our work. As we stand by our State Mission Board so will all our other objects of the Convention prosper our way. There are 152 Missionaries of the Board this year; they are working in the destitute sections of our State for the salvation of souls and building up the kingdom. Our work has been laid out on a basis of $48,000 for this year, but we are sadly behind. Let us hasten ourselves and plan for greater and better work next year.

Respectfully submitted, J. O. TEW,
J. B. NEWTON, Committee.

Report adopted.

By motion, and carried, our Moderator, Rev. W. J. Jones, be elected a member of the State Mission Board.

By resolution, and adopted, that we tender the Roseboro church our thanks for their kind hospitality during this session; also the Methodist church for the use of their house and their kind hospitality, and all others that have aided in making our stay pleasant.

By motion, and carried, the churches raise the balance of sister Olive's salary by the Union Meeting to be held at Hickory Grove church, for final settlement.

The Clerk was voted $10.00 for services, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay for printing and distributing the Minutes.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING.

We have to submit the following report: We recommend that the next session be held with the Church at Antioch and H. J. Duncan preach the Introductory Sermon on Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock; and that J. O. Tew preach the Missionary Sermon on Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. WATSON,
J. B. DOWNING,
REDIN HONEYCUTT, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville was founded in 1885. J. H. Mills served 10 years as general manager, J. B. Boone followed him for the next ten years. In 1905 M. L. Kestler took up the work and still has control. There are nearly 400 inmates at the Orphanage; the cost of maintaining one orphan a year is $85.00, provision being made for his mental and moral training by the erection of a large central building, and competent teachers employed for the work. There are 10 separate families, they average 38 members to the household, each house is presided over by a Matron and a Teacher. The farm, the shoe shop, the printing office, laundry, sewing and cooking, are of the departments where the children exercise their physical strength, as well as learn what they should know. We recommend a collection by each Sunday School every month and a club of *Charity and Children* be taken.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. NEWTON,
S. A. HOWARD, Committee.

We were glad to have with us Bro. M. L. Kestler of the Orphanage, who ably discussed the situation.

The report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions of Respect to our retiring Moderator, Capt. J. L. Autry, was as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, by the South River Baptist Association, in its annual session at Roseboro, in October, 1911:

Whereas, Our beloved brother, Capt. J. L. Autry, has declined to be re-elected as Moderator of this Association; and

Whereas, He has served the brotherhood as Moderator so faithfully for six years; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved—First: That this Association desires to express to this Prince in Israel its fullest appreciation of his faithful service through all the years, and especially as their Moderator during the past six years.

Second: That we wish for him many more years of usefulness, and that when his service on earth is over that he may receive the blessed reward of the faithful through all eternity.

Respectfully submitted,
R. P. Howell,
J. O. Tew,
J. B. Newton, Committee.

Report adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privilege of delegates, except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From October 19, 1910, to October 18, 1911.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on deposit of 1910	$ 88
Received from all sources	596.24
Total	$597.12

DISBURSEMENTS.

To L. G. Brock, Minutes and Clerk	$ 30.36
To Rev. W. M. Page, Ministers Relief	3.85
To E. T. Turlington, Associational Missions	87.08
To C. M. Hall, Associational Missions	47.40
To Miss Iula Olive, Mission Work	79.45
To C. M. Hall, Church Building	6.50
To C. M. Hall, Evangelistic Work	10.00
To Mrs. S. A. Howard, for Miss Olive	11.12
To Orphanage	20.92
To Treasurer Baptist State Convention	298.56
Cash on hand on deposit	1.88
Total	$697.12

Audited and found correct October 19th, 1911.

I. T. McLamb,
E. T. Turlington,
W. J. Butler, Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion that a collection be taken to raise money to settle the expense of Minutes and Clerk, the following amount was raised, $20.29. Report adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Associational Missions	$ 151.82
State Missions	129.16
Miss Olive	31.42
Home Missions	7.95
Foreign Missions	101.66
Minutes and Clerk	29 67
Sunday School Missions	15.88
Orphanage	42.65
Ministerial Education	25 18
Church Building	1.50
Ministerial Relief	34.26
Total	$571.15

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report the above amounts as having been sent to this Association with the Church Letters, received into the hands of the Finance Committee and paid over to your Treasurer.

I. C. Howard,
M. W. Naylor, Committee.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—G. W. Starling, D. W. Pope, J. T. McCorquodale.

Autryville—Foy Autry, Lonnie Strickland, Jeb V. Spell.

Baptist Chapel—C. B. Tew, H. B. Tew, J. A. Dawson, J. T. Williams, J. A. Wrench.

Beulah—J. B. Young, G. G. Barefoot, L. H. Moore.

Browns'—H. B. Jordan, D. A. Bass, S. A. Pope.

Canaan—By letter.

Center—D. C. Mathews, W. R. Williams.

Clement—H. E. Mathews, S. R. Mathews, T. L. Autry.

Corinth—H. D. Lockerman, Arch Royal, F. D. Butler.

Concord—J. B. Downing, L. V. Hair. B. G. Bullock.

Elizabeth—E. K. Faircloth, R. E. Hobbs, D. L. McLemore.

Godwin—

Hickory Grove—E. F. Edward, J. H. Warren, S. M. Weeks.

Jordan's Chapel—C. M. Edwards, Frank Jordan.

Long Branch—Giles Hall, G. W. Jolly, Wilson Faircloth.

Macedonia—A. B. Carter, John Starling, D. C. Carter.

Manley's Chapel—W. H. Craddock, T. Sutton, B. F. Sasser.

Mary's Chapel—W. J. Johnson, W. J. Bradshaw, J. R. Gainey.

Mill Creek—Eli Cooper, Charlie Butler, J L. Bullard.

Mount Elam—W. R. Warren, Ira Baggett, J. T. Williams.

Mount Vernon—Alvin Royal, Lewis McLeney, Beaman Jordan.

Piney Green—C. H. McLamb, I. T. McLamb, H G. Sessoms.

Pleasant Union—M. S. Sessoms, A. L. Lucas, W. R. McKinzie.

Roseboro—J. C. Parker, J. J. Highsmith, J. E. Howard, D. B. Maynard and R. P. Howel.

Royal's Chapel—G. A. Canady, C. H. Butler, W. H. Taylor.

Salemburg—Jacob C. Howard, J. R. Cooper, Whitney Royal, W. A. Baggett, W. J. Norton.

Spring Branch—John C. Williford, Jr., D. M. Williford, Bluman Holland, S. L. Jackson, Franklin Tew.

Union Grove—Randall Williams, Walter Williams, R. C. Howard.

White Oak—W. J. Butler, A. C. Crumpler, O. H. Holland.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POSTOFFICES AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Antioch	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	John L. Williams, Dunn	Fourth Sunday.
Autryville	W. B. Loving, Fayetteville	F. I. McKenzie, Autryville	Second Sunday.
Baptist Chapel	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	R. L. Bennett, Cooper	
Beulah	Redin Honeycutt, Clinton	J. B. Young, Dunn	Fourth Sunday.
Browns	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	W. C. Howard, Clinton	Second Sunday.
Canaan		Mrs. J. T. Hudson	Third Sunday.
Center	G. A. Bain, Dunn	E. F. Page, Wade	Fourth Sunday.
Corinth	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	H. G. Holland, Clinton	
Clement	G. A. Bain, Dunn	J. T. Royal, Autryville	Third Sunday.
Concord	Paul T. Britt, Lumberton	L. V. Hair, Autryville	Third Sunday.
Elizabeth		O. B. McLemore, Roseboro	Fourth Sunday.
Godwin	W. J. Jones, Salemburg		
Hickory Grove	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	Second Sunday.
Jordan's Chapel	J. B. Newton, Salemburg	D. H. Bryan, Mount Olive	Fourth Sunday.
Long Branch	W. R. Johnson, Cedar Fork	H. I. Hall, Hayne	Fourth Sunday.
Macedonia	John Prevatt, Buie	A. B. Carter, Fayetteville	First Sunday.
Manley's Chapel	J. B. Newton, Salemburg	B. F. Sasser, Mount Olive	Fourth Sunday.
Mary's Chapel	J. B. Newton, Salemburg	J. E. Bass, Keener	Second Sunday.
Mill Creek	W. R. Johnson, Cedar Fork	John Horne, Mints	
Mount Elam	G. A. Bain, Dunn	J. F. Jackson, Huntley	Third Sunday.
Mount Vernon	Richard Bass, Keener	Alvin Royal, Clinton	Fourth Sunday.
Piney Green	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	H. G. Sessoms, Huntley	First Sunday.
Pleasant Union	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	E. S. Howard, Roseboro	Third Sunday.
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	W. J. Watson, Roseboro	Third Sunday.
Royal's Chapel	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	C. H. Butler, Clinton	
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	2nd and 4th Sundays.
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn	First Sunday.
Union Grove	John Prevatt, Buie	R. W. Howard, Autryville	Fourth Sunday.
White Oak	B. F. DeLoatch, Clinton	J. R. Butler, Clinton	Third Sunday.

MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antioch	7	6	....	3	1	1	37	52	89
Autryville	6	1	2	2	6	1	46	63	109
Baptist Chapel	21	2	....	3	1	3	107	148	255
Beulah	12	....	....	....	2	....	15	30	45
Browns	....	3	1	....	....	....	25	33	58
Canaan	1	....	....	8	1	3	6	27	33
Center	....	3	....	....	1	1	37	50	87
Clement	15	1	1	....	....	....	70	98	168
Corinth	4	38	....	....	....	....	22	20	42
Concord	12	1	3	....	....	4	48	127	175
Elizabeth	....	1	....	4	....	....	53	56	109
Godwin	2	12	....	2	1	....	20	30	50
Hickory Grove	....	1	2	1	....	2	24	46	70
Jordan's Chapel	3	....	1	3	....	2	15	10	25
Long Branch	....	....	....	2	4	1	48	82	130
Macedonia	1	3	....	1	1	....	27	53	80
Manley's Chapel	4	....	....	....	1	1	13	19	30
Mary's Chapel	....	5	....	....	....	1	13	22	35
Mill Creek	....	....	....	....	....	3	29	63	92
Mount Elam	11	....	....	5	5	2	64	107	171
Mount Vernon	1	....	....	....	....	....	13	19	32
Piney Green	17	1	....	22	13	2	62	121	183
Pleasant Union	3	....	....	....	....	1	20	42	62
Roseboro	11	11	1	6	....	1	49	54	103
Royal's Chapel	....	1	....	1	....	....	8	15	23
Salemburg	49	17	....	13	1	1	123	140	263
Spring Branch	26	23	....	8	....	7	182	197	379
Union Grove	1	....	....	....	....	2	34	35	69
White Oak	....	....	....	6	....	....	36	51	87

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Enrollment.	Months kept open.	Superintendents and Postoffices.
Antioch	54	12	G. W. Starling, Wade, R. F. D. 1.
Autryville	68	12	Jno. L. Autry, Autryville.
Baptist Chapel	289	....	J. A. Wrench, Cooper.
Beulah	106	12	J. B. Young, Dunn.
Browns	46	12	S. A. Pope, Clinton.
Canaan	....	....	....
Center	105	12	D. C. Mathews, Wade.
Clement	69	12	J. F. Hayes, Cooper.
Corinth	99	12	H. D. Lockerman, Clinton.
Concord	47	12	Joseph O. Davis, Autryville.
Elizabeth	56	9	R. E. Hobbs, Roseboro.
Godwin	65	12	W. J. Olive, Godwin.
Hickory Grove	35	8	J. R. Strickland, Clinton, R. 5.
Jordan's Chapel	55	7	C. M. Edwards, Beasley.
Long Branch	100	9	Barney Hall, Autryville.
Macedonia	....	....	....
Manley's Chapel	....	....	J. R. Best, Mount Olive:
Mary's Chapel	46	6	J. E. Bass, Keener.
Mill Creek	43	12	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro.
Mount Elam	90	9	J. T. Williams, Cooper.
Mount Vernon	45	....	Beamon Jordan, Moltonville.
Piney Green	83	12	I. T. McLamb, Huntly.
Pleasant Union	36	8	Shepard Sessoms, Hayne.
Roseboro	86	12	D. W. Tart, Roseboro.
Royal's Chapel	57	6	C. H. Butler, Clinton.
Salemburg	277	12	A. P. Howard, Salemburg.
Spring Branch	468	12	O. D. Strickland, Dunn.
Union Grove	67	9	R. C. Howard, Autryville.
White Oak	55	9	W. J. Butler, Clinton.

PLEDGES FOR 1912.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Relief.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.
Antioch	$24.00	$ 2.00	$......	$ 2.50	$ 1.00	$ 5.00	$......	......
Autryville	30.00	5.00	......	10.00	2.50	25.00	......	......
Baptist Chapel	60.00	10.00	......	25.00	5.00	25.00	......	......
Beulah	8.00	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Brown's	40.00	......	......	1.00	1.00	1.00	......	......
Canaan	40.00	......	......	2.00	......	......	......	......
Center	30.00	5.00	......	......	......	......	......	......
Clement	40.00	5.00	......	10.00	2.00	......	......	......
Corinth	10.00	5.00	......	5.00	3.00	5.00	......	......
Concord	30.00	5.00	......	10.00	2.00	5.00	......	......
Elizabeth	10.00	1.00	......	......	5.00	......	......	5.00
Godwin	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	15.00	......	......
Hickory Grove	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	......	5.00	......	......
Jordan's Chapel	40.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	......	5.00	......	......
Long Branch	40.00	5.00	......	5.00	2.00	10.00	......	......
Macedonia	15.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	10.00	......	......
Manley's Chapel	30.00	......	......	......	1.00	5.00	......	......
Mary's Chapel	40.00	......	......	2.00	1.00	5.00	......	......
Mill Creek	10.00	......	1.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	......	......
Mount Elam	30.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	......	30.00	......	......
Mount Vernon	30.00	5.00	......	......	......	10.00	......	......
Piney Green	40.00	......	1.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	......	......
Pleasant Union	15.00	......	1.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	......	......
Roseboro	50.00	5.00	5.00	25.00	10.00	20.00	......	5.00
Royal's Chapel	50.00	1.00	1.00	......	......	3.00	......	......
Salemburg	110.00	15.00	8.00	125.00	10.00	......	10.00	25.00
Spring Branch	100.00	......	10.00	105.00	5.00	85.00	......	5.00
Union Grove	30.00	5.00	......	2.50	1.00	5.00	......	......
White Oak	50.00	5.00	......	2.00	......	5.00	......	......

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Ministerial Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Colleges and Schools.	Orphanage.	Miss Olive.	Sunday School Missions.	Other Objects.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	The Poor.	Sunday School Expenses.	Incidentals.	Building and Repairs.	Pastors' Salary.	Total.
Antioch	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$.....	$.....	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 73	$.....	$ 2.50	$.....	$ 2.00	$12.00	$.....	$43.50	$.....	$10.00	$100.00	$ 172.75
Autryville	50	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6.00	1.70	......	10.00	75.00	125.00	218.20
Baptist Chapel....	1.75	......	......	......	55.00	......	......	60.23	20.50	......	4.23	40.00	......	......	......	......	125.00	306.73
Beulah	60	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	43.00	9.15	100.00	......	152.75
Brown's	50	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1.65	......	3.60	......	10.00	......	15.75
Canaan	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	....
Center	50	......	......	......	......	......	......	23.66	3.72	3.72	4.69	12.00	......	......	......	......	75.00	129.29
Clement	3.00	......	......	......	......	......	......	32.50	......	3.00	2.00	9.80	......	......	......	......	125.00	175.30
Corinth	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	10.00	......	......	13.50	550.00	150.00	723.50
Concord	1.00	......	......	......	43	......	......	51.90	1.70	41	......	8.18	......	5.50	......	......	......	169.12
Elizabeth	......	1.20	......	......	4.00	......	......	......	2.47	81	4.00	6.13	......	6.00	......	......	75.00	99.61
Godwin	1.00	......	5.18	......	......	......	1.20	......	10	10	......	17.18	......	......	......	......	......	24.76
Hickory Grove.....	65	......	......	......	......	......	......	21.00	10.85	......	85	3.82	......	3.00	......	......	75.00	115.17
Jordan's Chapel...	......	......	......	......	......	2.50	......	4.16	65	27	......	2.00	......	......	......	......	16.25	25.83
Long Branch......	50	25	......	......	1.40	......	......	......	......	......	1.60	4.72	......	......	......	15.00	......	22.47
Macedonia	80	......	......	......	15.66	......	......	......	......	......	......	4.78	......	......	......	......	75.00	93.24
Manley's Chapel..	......	1.00	......	......	1.25	2.50	......	6.69	1.75	1.00	1.00	2.70	......	......	......	......	25.00	42.89
Mary's Chapel....	1.00	1.00	......	......	3.75	......	......	8.98	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	......	......	7.00	15.00	28.50	76.23
Mill Creek........	1.00	......	......	......	1.00	......	......	......	50	50	50	2.00	......	4.00	......	10.00	75.00	94.50
Mount Elam......	2.00	9.00	2.80	......	25.00	......	1.74	26.25	......	......	5.00	25.00	......	12.16	......	......	705.20	287.15
Mount Vernon.....	25	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2.00	2.50	......	7.87	......	500.00	25.00	537.62
Piney Green.......	50	2.00	......	......	5.00	5.00	......	......	......	3.00	5.00	13.00	......	17.05	......	350.00	100.00	505.06
Pleasant Union....	60	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1.55	......	......	......	60.00	62.15
Roseboro	2.00	10.00	......	......	10.00	......	......	15.00	25.00	......	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	59.00	......	150.00	341.00
Royal's Chapel....	75	......	......	......	60	......	60	28.00	5.00	......	1.60	3.20	......	......	......	200.00	40.00	279.75
Salemburg	3.00	10.00	10.00	210.00	33.00	26.76	70	53.00	78.15	51.37	15.78	54.22	43.00	27.00	60.00	200.00	400.00	1272.98
Spring Branch....	4.00	10.00	10.00	......	163.76	30.00	10.00	143.80	91.07	33.10	15.55	50.00	......	56.79	64.00	86.96	325.00	1093.72
Union Grove......	1.00	2.50	......	......	3.15	......	......	......	6.38	......	......	6.37	......	16.00	......	......	......	35.40
White Oak........	1.25	......	......	......	12.00	6.50	......	......	5.00	......	5.00	12.50	......	......	8.50	......	125.00	175.75

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	POST OFFICE.	Number Members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Training School.	Sunday School Missions.	Support of Missionary.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch	Mrs. Roe Barefoot	Dunn, R. F. D. 1	17	$ 60	$ 85	$ 50	$ 1.00	$	$ 1.15	$ 60	4.70
Autryville	Mrs. John L. Autry	Autryville									11.65
Baptist Chapel	Mrs. Laura Royal	Cooper							4.00		8.00
Center	Mrs. Laura V. Royal	Wade, R. F. D.			4.03	1.00					5.03
Concord	Miss Ida Jackson	Autryville, R. F. D.	18		2.88	2.87					5.75
Clement	Mrs Ida Royal	Wade R. F. D.	25	1.45	1.05						2.50
Corinth											
Elizabeth	Mrs. R. E. Hobbs	Roseboro, R. F. D.	15	90	75						1.65
Godwin	Mrs. Mary Cook	Godwin	12	1.00	5.00	1.75				187.90	194.90
Hood's Chapel											
Hickory Grove	Mrs. J. H. Warren	Dunn, R. F. D.									1.90
Jordan's Chapel	Mrs. B. F. Jordan	Mount Olive, R. F. D.									
Manley's Chapel											
Long Branch	Mrs. J. S. Hall	Autryville R. F. D.			1.00						1.00
Magnolia	Miss Minnie Bryan	Steadman, R. F. D.		75	75	70					2.20
Macedonia	Miss Janie Hall	Fayetteville, R. F. D. 5									
Mill Creek	Mrs. Charlie Butler	Roseboro, R. F. D.									45
Mary's Chapel	Mrs. J. A. Fort	Clinton, R. F. D.	13	4.30	80				2.00	5.73	12.83
Mount Elam	Miss Duella Jackson	Cooper, R. F. D.	34	4.15	6.75	2.00			3.00	10	16.00
Roseboro	Mrs. Al. Owen	Roseboro	19	4.00	5.90	9.47			4.60	6.00	29.37
Royal's Chapel											50
Salemburg	Mrs. C. S. Royal	Salemburg	29	8.20	41.85	5.23	5.00	4.30	43.37	1.75	109.70
Spring Branch	Mrs. A. E. Alderman	Dunn, R. F. D. 1	48	15.00	26.40		2.25		25.00	69.49	141.74
White Oak	Mrs. W. J. Butler	Clinton	11	5.00	12.20	4.10	3.00		6.25	2.00	26.30
Piney Green	Mrs. Stella Butler	Huntley									2.00
Total											475.97

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	POST OFFICE.	Number Members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Training School.	Sunday School Missions.	Support of Missionary.	Other Objects.	Total.
Spring Branch	Miss Augusta Willford	Dunn, R. F. D.		$ 4.50	$ 5.50	$	$	$	$	$ 7.10	$ 17.60
Salemburg	Miss Bertha Newton	Salemburg	15								10.18
Total											27.78
Grand Total											503.75

SUNBEAM SOCIETIES.

SOCIETY.	LEADER.	POST OFFICE.	Number Members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Training School.	Sunday School Missions.	Support of Missionary.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch	Miss Geronie Barefoot	Dunn, R. F. D.	15	$ 85	$ 1.10	$	$	$ 30	$	$ 45	$ 2.70
Autryville	Mrs. F. I. McKenzie	Autryville									
Baptist Chapel											
Brown's	Mrs. W. C. Howard	Clinton, R. F. D.		60	50						1.10
Clement	Miss Bertha Autry	Autryvile, R. F. D.									
Concord											2.04
Corinth											
Godwin	Miss Myra Olive	Wade, N. C.	10	1.00	75		2.31		25		4.31
Hickory Grove	Mrs. A. B. Gilbert	Clinton									26
Hood's Chapel											
Long Branch	Miss Mary E. Bedsole	Autryville, R. F. D.									
Manley's Chapel	Miss Ruth Darden										49
Macedonia											
Magnolia	Miss Annie Fisher	Steadman		25	53		25				1.03
Mount Elam	Miss Duella Jackson	Cooper					1.66				1.66
Piney Green	Miss Stella Taylor	Huntley									2.15
Roseboro	Miss Johnnie Howard	Roseboro	60	1.49	1.49	1.49		25	1.60		4.47
Salemburg	Mrs. Ivey Royal	Salemburg									27.86
Spring Branch	Miss Delitha Traylor	Dunn, R. F. D.	33	2.70	4.75	2.00					11.30
White Oak	Mrs. Lula Wilson	Clinton, R. F. D.		71	80	47					1.98

ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	POST OFFICE.	Number Members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Training School.	Sunday School Missions.	Support of Missionary.	Other Objects.	Total.
Spring Branch	Miss Maggie Baggett	Dunn, R. F. D.	18	$	$ 2.16	$ 65	$	$	$	$ 88	$ 3.69
Total											58.50

THE WOMAN'S, BOYS AND CHILDRENS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH RIVER.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the W. M. U. of South River Association met with Spring Branch church the second and third of September.

Nothing so much shows the progress of Woman's work in this Association as the fact that at this meeting it was decided by popular vote to give the annual meeting the name of The Woman's Association of South River. Under this head is incorporated all work done by women, boys and children The Missionary Societies, however, have not a less but a larger place in this meeting.

Heretofore there has been no report on Sunday School work, personal service and charity benefits, but from this time on it is recommended that the letters sent to the annual meeting include a report on these phases of church work. The President or Secretary will furnish all needed information to the Societies upon request.

Miss Olive, after having spent ten years in the Association doing Mission work, in the way of organizing Societies, assisting in revivals, distributing Bibles and tracts, and in visiting families, retires for the purpose of attending the Training School at Louisville. She gave a characteristic summary of her work and various expenses.

Miss Barrus, the Corresponding Secretary of the State, gave an interesting address on Home and Foreign Fields and their needs.

Mrs. Lula Howard Bullard gave a logical talk on Missions, striking home.

Miss Bessie Highsmith gave a vivid description of the life of the young women of the Training School.

Mrs. Virginia Royal spoke authoritatively on Sunbeams and their work.

Mrs. C. S. Royal gave a touching talk on the Christiam Homes and their Influence.

Miss Esther Page presented Tithing as the Bible teaches it.

Miss Warren, of Dunn, N. C., spoke in behalf of the Y. W. A., showing its needs and blessings.

The Union was entertained Saturday night by the Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors of Spring Branch.

Rev. J. A. Campbell preached the Missionary Sermon Sunday.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Mrs. S. A. Howard, President.
Mrs. W. J. Jones, Secretary.
Miss Georgia Williford, Vice-President.
Miss Duella Jackson, Treasurer.

These officers compose the Executive Committee.

The Association meets next year with the church at Godwin, N. C., beginning Friday night before the first Sunday in October and continuing through Sunday.

MRS. W. J. JONES, Secretary.

Salemburg, N. C.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1912.

OFFICERS.

REV. W. J. JONES, Moderator.......................... Salemburg, N. C.
A. E. ROYAL, Clerk.................................. Salemburg, N. C.
R. N. BUTLER, Treasurer............................. Salemburg, N. C.

NEXT MEETING:

Time—October 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1913.
Place—Center, nearest railroad station Wade, N. C.

Goldsboro, N. C.
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
J. B. Newton	Salemburg, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Dunn, N. C.
D. W. Tew	R. F. D. No. 5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt	R. F. D. 5, Clinton, N. C.
G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C.
J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.
R. W. Bass	Clinton, N. C.
T. J. Baker	Stedman, N. C.
E. I. Olive	Godwin, N. C.
Lonnie Sasser	Clinton, N. C.
J. A. Dawson	Dunn, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. C. Williford, Chairman	Dunn, N. C.
E. T. Turlington, Assistant Chairman	Salemburg, N. C.
G. M. Bass, Secretary	Clinton, N. C.
C. M. Hall, Treasurer	Orange, N. C.
R. P. Howel	Roseboro, N. C.
S. A. Howard	Salemburg, N. C.
R. L. Hall	Autryville, N. C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. 1:30—Devotional exercises.
2. Organization.
3. Election of officers.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. List of churches called.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Call for Visiting Brethren.
8. Report of Committees and discussions.
9. Adjournment.

Thursday Morning.

1. 9:30—Devotional exercises.
2. Reading and approval of Minutes.
3. List of Churches called.
4. Reports of committees and discussion.
5. 11 a. m.—Missionary sermon.
6. Adjournment.

Thursday Evening.

1. 1:15—Devotional exercises.
2. List of churches called.
3. Report of committees and discussions.
4. Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS.

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education and the Orphanage, may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with Associational Mission money to the Unions or to the Association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church, and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

Antioch Baptist Church, October 23rd, 1912.

The South River Baptist Association met in its Thirty-sixth Annual Session at this church, according to invitation and appointment, at 11 a. m., Introductory sermon by Rev. H. J. Duncan. Text, John 5:25.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. Association convened for organization. Rev. John Duncan conducted devotional exercises.

Order of Business was read and ordered its adoption and proceeded to the election of officers which are as follows: Rev. W. J. Jones, Moderator; A. E. Royal, Clerk; R. N. Butler, Treasurer.

On motion and carried, a committee be appointed to digest the various church letters. The committees appointed are A. F. Howard, D. A. Canady and George Starling.

Committees appointed by the Moderator are as follows:

On Finance—C. M. Hall, R. L. Hall and J. A. Horn.

To Nominate Executive Board—H. J. Duncan, J. L. Williams, W. S. Strickland.

To Nominate a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—W. C. Pope, O. J. Vann and C. C. Strickland.

To Nominate a delegate to the Baptist State Convention—J. C. Williford, J. D. Young and E. T. Turlington.

To locate and select Preachers for the next session of the Association—G. W. Starling, D. McWilliford and J. B. Downing.

To Nominate a Committee on Missions—W. B. Honeycutt, J. B. Page and S. T. Starling.

To Nominate a delegate and member to the State Mission Board—J. A. Dawson, F. A. Page and J. W. Strickland.

Report on Sunday Schools called for.

On motion and carried, report referred until to-morrow.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief to needy Baptist ministers of North Carolina and their widows. There are four regular meetings of the Board each year, on the fourth Wednesday in February, May, August and November. There are at present thirty-five beneficiaries. There are several applications before the Board, showing that the grand increase of the number of beneficiaries will continue. These beneficiaries receive from forty to two hundred dollars a year. Many of them need more. Some of them have no means of support except the amount they receive from the Board. It should be the desire and effort of every Baptist of the State that not one of those who have been worthy proclaimers of God's truth should suffer for the necessaries of life. All moneys for this Board should be sent to the Treasurer of the Convention. There is increasing liberality on the part of our churches toward the Board, but still nearly three fifths of the churches of the State give absolutely nothing for this object. More than four-sevenths of the churches of this Association gave nothing last year for this worthy cause. The total amount contributed last year for this object was $34.26.

We recommend that the churches of this Association meet at their respective churches on Christmas day and send a liberal offering to those worthy old servants of God. Respectfully submitted,

H. J. DUNCAN, Committee.

Discussed by Rev. J. M. Arnett.

Report adopted.

Committee to nominate delegates to the Baptist State Convention recommended Rev. W. J. Jones and H. D. Lockerman as delegates.

Report adopted.

The Moderator asked the visiting brethren to make themselves known and the following brethren were present: Rev. W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder; Bro. J. M. Arnett, Durham, N. C.; Rev. W. M. Page from the Cumberland Association; Rev. John Duncan, Benson, N. C.

Call for petitionary letters. No response.

List of churches called and fourteen responded.

O. J. Vann, C. H. McLamb and D. McWilliford were appointed Auditing Committee.

Report of Committee to Nominate Executive Board recommended as follows:

J. C. Williford, Chairman, Dunn, N. C.; E. T. Turlington, Asst. Chairman, Salemburg, N. C.; R. L. Hall, Secretary, Autryville, N. C.; C. M. Hall, Treasurer, Orange, N. C.; S. A. Howard, Salemburg, N. C.; G. W. Starling, Godwin, N. C.; Alvin Royal, Clinton, N. C.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee to nominate delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention recommended Rev. M. W. Naylor as delegate and T. J. Hood, alternate.

Report adopted.

Report of committee to nominate representatives for Home and Foreign Missions recommended Rev. W. J. Jones, Foreign Missions, and Rev. J. B. Newton, Home Missions.

Report adopted.

Report of committee on Missions recommended Capt. J. L. Autry, State Missions; Rev. G. A. Bain, Home Missions; Rev. H. J. Duncan, Foreign Missions.

Report adopted.

Report of committee to nominate delegates and members of the State Board to the Baptist State Convention recommended E. T. Turlington.

Report adopted.

On motion and carried, that Rev. W. R. Beach preach the Missionary sermon to-morrow if the appointee is unable to be present.

Suggested Order of Business for Friday:

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Reading and approval of the Minutes.
3. Report of Committees and discussions.
4. Motions and resolutions.
5. Miscellaneous Business. Adjournment.

The Moderator appointed Bro. C. M. Hall to conduct Devotional exercises Thursday morning at 9:30 a. m.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Session convened at 9:30 a. m.

According to appointment Bro. C. M. Hall conducted devotional exercises.

The Association voted Bro. R. L. Hall leave of absence on account of sickness.

Minutes of the first day's session read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

For more than seventy-seven years the Biblical Recorder has answered every call of our denomination. It has loyally supported every institution that has had for its end the uplift of the people and the glory of God. While there are about seventy-five thousand Baptist homes in North Carolina, less than fifty thousand of these receive the organ of the Convention. Great as its power for good has been and now is, it can never do its greatest work until a greater number of our people are reached. It is our bond of unity, our medium of communication and the defense of truth. It teaches the New Testament doctrines in a masterful way. We would urge all pastors and present readers of the Biblical Recorder to do their utmost to double our present list of subscribers.

Also order and read Charity and Children and Home Field.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN DUNCAN, Committee.

Ably discussed by Rev. W. R. Beach.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

As Baptists we are justly proud of our Orphanage at Thomasville. No object has quite so moved the hearts of our people. Beginning twenty-seven years ago the growth, development and success of our Thomasville Baptist Orphanage has been marvelous. It is surprising to know that near 1500 fatherless ones have received shelter, food and instruction from that institution and that now about 400 are receiving its nurture and care. How different the lives of these girls and boys might have been but for the fostering care of our Orphanage. How many might have grown up with little or no education. Perhaps some have suffered, possibly have fallen into shame and disgrace. After furnishing these homes and trying to supply that missing link as near as possible, we find that our records show that the most of these boys and girls have gone out into the world to bless humanity and are happy and prosperous citizens to-day.

During the year Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy connected to the Institution one of the most remarkable and princely gifts that has ever come to any like institution in North Carolina. It consists of 1200 acres of valuable farming land in the fertile section of Lenoir county. The gift is to be our eastern arm of the Orphanage without multiplying its machinery of administration, it simply means improvement and calls for more and larger gifts. It is a challenge to the great Baptist hosts of the State that we go forward and progress as they demand. Your committee would urge and recommend:

1. That each church hold a special service on or nearest Thanksgiving with one feature of the meeting, a worshipful, liberal, good, glorifying collection.

2. That all the Sunday Schools set aside the first Sunday of each month as Orphanage day.

3. That our people subscribe to and read Charity and Children, and that every Sunday School possible take a club of the paper. It may be had at 60 cents in clubs of 10 or more.

Finally brethren, let us give the Orphanage our heartiest sympathy, our earnest prayers and a goodly portion of our means remembering that in so much as ye did it unto the least of these ye did it unto me.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Read and ably discussed by Bro. F. B. Hamrick.

On motion and carried, that a collection be taken for the Orphanage which amounted to $11.03.

On motion and carried, the amount raised be placed to the credit of Antioch church.

At 11:00 a. m. Missionary Sermon preached by Rev. W. R. Beach. Text John 20:21.

Prayer by J. A. Campbell.

Adjourned until 1:15 p. m., for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. J. Hood.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS.

In 1905 we had in North Carolina 1290 Sunday Schools. In 1911 we had 1858, a gain of 568 or 44 per cent. in six years. Since last March about 70 new schools have been organized, perhaps some of the old ones have been discontinued. During the same six years the membership has made a gain of 67 per cent. May 1st, 1911, our people had in North Carolina only 686 Normal diplomas. May 1st, 1912, they had 1483, a gain of 789 or 116 per cent. in one year. We recommend that the pastors and Sunday School workers of the South River Association urge (1) that there be an ever green Sunday School in every church; (2) that every church member be in some department of the school; (3) that all new church members possible be brought into the Sunday School; (4) that more interest be taken in Sunday School Missions; (5) that regular monthly collections be taken for the Orphanage; (6) that every Sunday School be well represented in our Sunday School Convention; (7) that a supply of good literature be had in every school and placed in the home of every pupil; (8) that every teacher has normal training; (9) that more interest be taken in the study of God's word, and (10) that a more earnest and prayerful effort be made to lead lost souls to Christ. Respectfully submitted, R. L. HALL, Committee.

Discussed by Rev. J. A. Campbell and Rev. T. J. Hood.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Dear brethren, we have identified ourselves with the Lord's work, and we hear the divine command from our Lord saying go preach the gospel to all the world, and our home board is endeavoring to do a work through its agent that is demanding our co-operation and we should rally to its support. The number of workers of this Board are about 1309. They are preaching, teaching and working in the different parts of our South land under the direction of our Board and are establishing the Lord's kingdom where it pleases God to bless the labors with an abundance of success. And we must earnestly recommend that the churches of our Association stand by this object of our Convention and give it a hearty support.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. HALL, Committee.

Discussed by Brethren C. M. Hall, A. F. Howard, E. I. Olive and T. J. Hood.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

The Baptist denomination fully recognize the need of a trained ministry and also teaching force, to preach and teach the gospel; therefore, they have established the well known schools such as Wake Forest, Meredith and others; also our institution at Louisville, all of which are heartily endorsed by us and which merit our hearty support. Respectfully submitted,

A. F. HOWARD, Committee.

Ably discussed by Rev. J. A. Campbell.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

It is with gratitude to God for His wonderful blessings on the work of State Missions and with a prayer to him for continued and greater blessings that we hand you herewith, this annual report:

From the urgent and frequent appeals which it seems necessary to make in behalf of State Missions there is the danger that some will get the mistaken idea that the end to be reached is to secure a certain amount of money, and come to our State Convention without debt. But let us remember as Bro. Livingston Johnson has said, that money is material and miserable, and has no value within itself, but in the wonderful economy of grace God has so ordained it that we can take this commodity which is material and perishable and secure with it results which are spiritual and eternal. While it is our solemn obligation to raise the money we have promised, and more if we can furnish no better reason for doing so than that we have made a promise to do it. The work of State Missions is not worth presenting. But let us look at some of the results:

During the past year there were on the field 153 workers, supplying 351 points, there were 1921 baptisms reported and 1427 were received by letter. Less churches were organized, 50 church buildings were in the course of construction, and 14 completed. These churches contributed to all objects a grand total of $73,975.74, putting back into the treasury $27,444.93 more than we put in State Missions. But let us not measure the results above by the writing down of mere figures. If we may judge the future by the past we may expect that there are some among those brought to Christ who will be a blessing to our denomination and to the cause of Christ. The blessings which have come to individual lives and waves of influence which have been set in motion in some communities, which have been felt from the river to the ends of the earth cannot be expressed with tongue or pen.

These are some of the more lasting invisible results. At the present writing about $29,000 must be raised in order for us to come to the Convention without debt on our State Board and on ourselves. In order that this may be done we must arise in our might for the next thirty days. Your committee recommends, therefore, that our churches use the fourth Sunday in October as suggested by Bro. Johnson, or some other Sunday before the last of November as State Missions Rally day, and that every worthy effort be made to meet our obligations to this cause.

Respectfully submitted, E. I. OLIVE.

Discussed by E. I. Olive.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are commanded to be temperate in all things. As we see it, temperance in regard to strong drink is the most important. Prohibition was endorsed by 4500 majority of the votes of North Carolina. What we ask is for the churches of God to be true to that decision and do away with blind tigers, cider presses and wine shops. The churches has the power in the South River Association if all the members would be true to their vow; amended also for the churches to do all in their power against the use of cigarettes by their use among our boys. Respectfully submitted,

C. M. HALL, Committee.

Discussed by C. M. Hall.

Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed C. M. Hall, Geo. W. Starling and J. C. Williford committee to nominate a Sunday School Board.

On motion and carried, adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by C. M. Hall.

On motion and carried, that the collection taken yesterday for the Orphanage be placed to the credit of Antioch Church.

Report of Committee to nominate a Sunday School Board recommended A. F. Howard, E. I. Olive and N. T. Williams.

Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed Bro. H. D. Lockerman to make suitable resolutions of respect in behalf of Bro. T. E. Howard deceased.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Within the preceding year the death angel has visited the homes of a number of faithful ones. To the bereft ones we tender the love and sympathy of this Association. Among the number is one whom we were very familiar with Bro. T. E. Howard, of Salemburg, whose untimely death came so sadly and unexpected. A Christian's dying day is his resting day, his reaping day, his conquering day. Death to those that be God's dear children is no other thing than the dispatcher of all displeasure. When we honor the sincerity of all our dead we should shower words of comfort upon their loved ones. Let us who are still to cross the river remember that only a few years do we journey here, and we come to that bridge—Death—which transports us to a paradise of happiness and joy or to eternal destruction.

Respectfully submitted, H. D. LOCKERMAN.

On motion and carried, Bro. J. O. Tew, Committee on Foreign Missions, be instructed to furnish the Clerk with his report.

Remarks on Foreign Missions by the Moderator and others.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Christian women of the West have heard the cry of the heathen women of the East for the Bread of life, and are working and sacrificing to answer the call. If the women of America are instilled with the Missionary spirit now, result—next generation will be missionary and the world will be quickly evangelized, as the women have it in their power to a very large extent to wield the destiny of the world in religion as well as in social and moral experience. Christ gave his great commission after he was risen first to Mary. Go tell my disciples I have risen; meet me in Galilee. Christ said of Mary, "She hath done what she could" when she had anointed him with the best she had. Love should always be the motive power in service. The women of the South River Association began their mission work 16 years ago with one Society at Salemburg. They have now 53. First year they contributed only $13.00; last year the contributions amounted to $568.39; this year $414.00. Why the amount was larger last year due to Miss Olive's salary included. Of the 1731 women who are members of the churches in this Association only one-third are enlisted in the W. M. U. work. Their aim is to enlist the one thousand or more uninterested women in this special work and also mother the Junior Societies in North Carolina. During the past 24 years the women have contributed nearly three hundred thousand. Last year $34,422; aim for this year $38,000. In the Southern Baptist Convention there are 10,563 Missionary Societies. During the past year the W. M. U. have given to missions $281,014.00. During the past 24 years they have given the sum of $2,607,900.65. The W. M. U. of the S. B. C. contributed enough to support all the 151 women missionaries in foreign lands. But their financial contributions do not compare with the love and sacrifice they have put in the work. Who can measure the sacrifices the Heroines of the Cross have made for Christ's sake. The immediate task before the women is to make sure their foundation by training the children and young people and enlisting them in the great missionary enterprise.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. A. HOWARD, Committee.

Read by A. F. Howard.

Discussed by Rev. W. J. Jones and E. T. Turlington.

Report adopted.

Report of committee on location and selection of preachers for the next session of the Association recommend the next meeting place Center Church and preachers Rev. T. J. Baker to preach the Introductory sermon, and Rev. W. J. Jones to preach the Missionary sermon.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From October 18th, 1911, to October 23rd, 1912.

Receipts.

Received from all sources	$ 779.67

Disbursements.

To L. G. Brock, Clerk for 1910	$ 10.00
To Rev. W. M. Page, Ministerial Relief	18.43
To C. M. Hall, Associational Missions	202.98
To Miss Iula Olive, Mission work	80.20
To A. E. Royal, Minutes and Clerk	41.06
To Orphanage	53.38
To Treasurer Baptist State Convention	367.22
To cash in Roseboro Bank	6.40
Totals	$ 779.67

Audited and found correct October 24th, 1912.

O. J. VANN,
DAVID WILLIFORD,
C. H. McLAMB,
Committee.

Report of committee on digest of Church Letters was read by A. F. Howard.

D. A. CANADY,
A. F. HOWARD,
GEORGE STARLING,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The next session of the Association to be held with the church at Center Church, October, 1913. Chairman, Rev. J. B. Newton.

State Missions—J. C. Williford.
Home Missions—S. A. Howard.
Foreign Missions—Rev. T. J. Baker.
Ministerial Relief—C. M. Hall.
Ministerial and General Education—H. D. Lockerman.
Orphanage—Joe Baggett.
Associational Missions—Captain J. L. Autry.
Sunday Schools—E. I. Olive.
Temperance—H. J. Duncan.
Woman's Work—A. P. Howard.
Obituaries—J. O. Tew.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We come again to bring you the good message that Zion has gloriously prospered. Peace and forward has been our motto.

Financial Report.

Balance on hand from 1911		$ 100.15
Received from churches 1912		515.49
Total to be accounted for		$ 615.64
Paid John Prevatt	$ 11.00	
Paid R. W. Bass	12.00	
Paid M. W. Naylor	3.00	
Paid W. T. Hurst	337.50—	$ 363.50
Balance on hand		$ 252.14

During the year we have assisted the following churches: Canaan, Mount Vernon, and a Mission point at Maple Grove. As a result of the above expenditures there has been nine additions to the church and several professions.

The field is white unto the harvest and much more to be done. The Board thanks each of the churches for their liberal support in this work.

Respectfully submitted, EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Discussed by E. T. Turlington and J. C. Williford.

Report adopted.

On motion and carried, that the Clerk draw on the Treasurer for sufficient amount for preparing, printing and distributing the Minutes of this session f the Association.

On motion and carried, that the Clerk draw on the Treasurer to settle balance of the amount due Rev. W. J. Jones paid to Rev. W. T. Hurst for supplies.

By resolution, and adopted, that we tender the Antioch Church our thanks for their kind hospitality during this session, and all others that have aided in making our stay pleasant.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes and Clerk	$ 28.45
Associational Missions	162.57
Home Missions	29.39
Foreign Missions	61.84
Sunday School Missions	25.00
Ministerial Education	20.00
Ministerial Relief	32.50
Orphanage	61.03
State Missions	60.50
Other Objects	17.00
Total	$ 489.28

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report the above amount as having been sent to this Association with the church letters, received into the hands of the Finance Committee and paid over to your Treasurer.

C. M. HALL,
R. L. HALL,
J. C. HORN, Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body. The members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privilege of delegates, except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—Joe McCorquodale, C. C. Strickland, W. C. Pope.
Autryville—R. L. Hall, Z. V. Spell, W. T. Butler.
Baptist Chapel—James Jackson, J. T. Williams, J. D. Giles, J. T. Jackson, A. K. Page.
Beulah—J. Young, L. H. Moore, G. G. Barefoot.
Browns—
Canaan—By Letter.
Center—J. B. Page, J. T. Williams, F. A. Royal.
Clement—W. B. Mathis, J. R. Autry, W. R. Hayes.
Corinth—J. O. Honeycutt, H. D. Lockerman, Iverson Royal.
Concord—J. B. Downing, Theodore Cashwell, H. D. Autry, J. O. Davis.
Elizabeth—Luther Porter, Marsdon Canady, Amma Canady.
Godwin—W. J. Olive, P. A. Canady, Duncan Pope. Alternates—G. W. Dawson, G. H. Starling, J. M. Starling.
Hickory Grove—J. E. Strickland, P. T. Jackson, J. H. Warren.
Jordan's Chapel—By Letter.
Long Branch—Joel R. Horn, G. W. Jolley, Raford Hall.
Macedonia—J. C. Culbreth, J. A. Carter, Cyrus Carter.
Manley's Chapel—By Letter.
Mary's Chapel—
Mill Creek—J. A. Horn, J. O. Hair.
Mount Elam—Ira Baggett, D. M. Warren, Dennis Naylor, J. T. Williams.
Mount Vernon—
Piney Green—C. H. McLamb, C. A. Taylor, W. H. McLamb.
Pleasant Union—W. L. Goodrich, N. S. Fisher, R. K. Sessoms.
Roseboro—John Williamson, H. J. Duncan, Charlie Butler.
Royal's Chapel—G. W. Honeycutt, A. J. Butler, M. Royal.
Salemburg—J. B. Newton, O. J. Vann, A. F. Howard, Columbus Holland, W. A. Holland.
Spring Branch—J. C. Williford, David Williford, D. Mc. Williford, W. S. Strickland, Leslie Alderman.
Union Grove—W. B. Honeycutt, Randol Williams, Walter Williams.
White Oak—W. T. Owen, R. A. Butler, Deems Herring.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POSTOFFICES AND TIME OF PREACHING.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	TIME OF PREACHING.
Antioch	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro, Route 4	L. W. Starling, Wade, N. C., Route 1	Fourth Sunday.
Autryville	T. J. Baker, Stedman, N. C	F. I. McKinzie, Autryville, N. C	Third Sunday.
Baptist Chapel	W. T. Hurst, Mandale, N. C	R. L. Bennett, Cooper, N. C., Route 1	Second Sunday.
Beulah	R. Honeycutt, Clinton, Route 5	J. B. Young, Dunn, N. C	Fourth Sunday.
Canaan	W. T. Hurst, Mandale, N. C	Mrs. J. T. Hudson, Beasley, N. C	Third Sunday.
Browns			
Center	G. A. Bain, Dunn	E. F. Page, Wade, N. C	Fourth Sunday.
Corinth	W. T. Hurst, Mandale, N. C	H. G. Holland, Clinton, N. C	
Clement	G. A. Bain, Dunn	J. T. Royall, Autryville, N. C	First Sunday.
Concord	G. A. Bain, Dunn	L. V. Hair, Autryville, N. C	Second Sunday.
Elizabeth	Henry Barnes, Delway, N. C	O. B. McLemore, Roseboro, N. C	Second Sunday.
Godwin	W. J. Jones, Salemburg, N. C	W. M. Pope, Godwin, N. C	First Sunday.
Hickory Grove	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro, N. C	J. R. Strickland, Clinton, N. C	Second Sunday.
Jordan's Chapel	Lonnie Sasser, Delway	D. H. Bryan, Mount Olive, N. C	Fourth Sunday.
Long Branch	J. M. Gibbs, Cotton, N. C	H. I. Hall, Autryville, N. C	Second Sunday.
Macedonia	J. M. Gibbs, Cotton, N. C	M. H. Sessoms, Stedman, N. C	First Sunday.
Manley's Chapel	Lonnie Sasser, Delway, N. C	B. F. Sasser, Mount Olive, N. C	Fourth Sunday.
Mill Creek		John Horn, Mints, N. C	
Mary's Chapel			
Mount Elam	G. A. Bain, Dunn	J. F. Jackson, Huntley, N. C	Third Sunday.
Mount Vernon			
Piney Green	J. O. Tew, Roseboro, N. C	H. G. Sessoms, Huntley, N. C	First Sunday.
Pleasant Union	W. R. Johnson, Cedar Creek, N. C	O. S. Howard, Roseboro, N. C	Fourth Sunday.
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg, N. C	W. J. Watson, Roseboro, N. C	Third Sunday.
Royal's Chapel	N. J. Howell	C. H. Butler, Clinton, N. C	Second Sunday.
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg, N. C	A. P. Howard, Salemburg, N. C	2nd and 4th Sundays.
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek, N. C	D. M. Williford, Dunn, N. C	First Sunday.
Union Grove	John Prevatt, Boney, N. C	R. W. Howard, Autryville, N. C	First Sunday.
White Oak	B. F. DeLoatch, Clinton, N. C	J. R. Butler, Clinton, N. C	Third Sunday.

MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Antioch	2	....	....	1	1	2	35	52	87
Autryville	....	10	....	3	....	....	49	61	110
Baptist Chapel	6	....	1	5	3	2	108	146	254
Beulah	3	....	....	....	1	....	16	30	46
Browns	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Canaan	5	2	1	....	....	....	12	31	43
Center	5	2	....	5	3	....	40	47	87
Clement	2	....	....	6	2	2	66	91	157
Corinth	16	8	....	....	....	....	21	39	60
Concord	2	....	1	10	....	1	47	120	167
Elizabeth	12	11	1	1	....	3	62	62	124
Godwin	1	7	....	1	....	1	25	37	62
Hickory Grove	13	2	3	....	....	....	32	54	86
Jordan's Chapel	5	5	....	....	....	....	19	14	33
Long Branch	1	3	....	....	....	....	48	87	135
Macedonia	1	2	2	1	....	1	28	55	83
Manley's Chapel	6	....	....	2	....	....	11	18	29
Mary's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Mill Creek	....	....	1	....	....	....	31	64	95
Mount Elam	10	1	....	6	4	3	66	107	173
Mount Vernon	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....
Piney Green	15	....	3	....	6	1	67	128	195
Pleasant Union	2	....	....	1	....	1	22	39	61
Roseboro	1	12	....	2	....	....	57	60	117
Royal's Chapel	....	....	....	2	2	....	7	16	23
Salemburg	3	2	1	5	20	2	115	127	242
Spring Branch	21	....	2	5	3	7	185	202	387
Union Grove	13	5	1	2	....	1	31	34	65
White Oak	6	2	....	7	8	1	28	46	74

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Enrollment.	Months kept open.	Superintendents and Postoffices.
Antioch	70	12	G. W. Starling, Wade, N. C.
Autryville	83	12	E. V. Cooper, Autryville, N. C.
Baptist Chapel	190	9	N. T. Williams, Cooper, N. C.
Beulah	85	12	J. B. Young, Dunn, N. C.
Browns	....	....	....
Canaan	8	....	....
Center	83	10	John T. Williams, Wade, N. C.
Clement	95	12	A. I. Mathis, Autryville, N. C.
Corinth	114	....	H. G. Holland, Clinton, N. C., R. 1
Concord	....	....	....
Elizabeth	53	9	R. E. Hobbs, Roseboro, N. C.
Godwin	73	12	W. J. Olive, Godwin, N. C.
Hickory Grove	56	12	J. R. Strickland, Clinton, N. C., R.5
Jordan's Chapel	....	....	....
Long Branch	101	7	B. Hall, Autryville, N. C.
Macedonia	....	....	....
Manley's Chapel	40	12	....
Mary's Chapel	....	....	....
Mill Creek	48	....	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro, N. C.
Mount Elam	154	9	J. T. Williams, Cooper, N. C.
Mount Vernon	....	....	....
Piney Green	88	12	I. T. McLamb, Huntley, N. C.
Pleasant Union	65	8	Shepard Sessoms, Hayne, N. C.
Roseboro	160	12	D. W. Tart, Roseboro, N. C.
Royal's Chapel	....	....	....
Salemburg	288	12	A. P. Howard, Salemburg, N. C.
Spring Branch	375	12	O. D. Strickland, Dunn, N. C.
Union Grove	89	9	R. C. Howard, Autryville, N. C.
White Oak	48	9	W. T. Owen, Clinton, N. C.

PLEDGES FOR 1913.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Relief.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.
Antioch	$ 24.00	$ 2.00	$......	$ 2.50	$ 2.50	$ 5.00	$......	$ 1.00
Autryville	30.00	5.00	......	10.00	2.50	25.00	......	......
Baptist Chapel	60.00	10.00	......	25.00	5.00	25.00	......	......
Beulah	8.00	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Browns	40.00	......	......	1.00	1.00	1.00	......	......
Canaan	40.00	......	......	2.00	......	......	......	......
Center	30.00	5.00	......	......	......	......	......	......
Clement	40.00	5.00	......	10.00	2.00	......	......	......
Corinth	10.00	5.00	......	5.00	3.00	5.00	......	......
Concord	30.00	5.00	......	10.00	2.00	5.00	......	......
Elizabeth	10.00	1.00	......	......	5.00	......	......	5.00
Godwin	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	15.00	......	......
Hickory Grove	10.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	......	5.00	......	......
Jordan's Chapel	40.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	......	5.00	......	......
Long Branch	40.00	5.00	......	5.00	2.00	10.00	......	......
Macedonia	10.00	2.00	......	......	......	6.00	......	2.00
Manley's Chapel	30.00	......	......	......	1.00	5.00	......	......
Mary's Chapel	40.00	......	......	2.00	1.00	5.00	......	......
Mill Creek	10.00	......	1.00	5.00	......	10.00	......	......
Mount Elam	30.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	......	30.00	......	......
Mount Vernon	30.00	......	2.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	......	......
Piney Green	40.00	......	1.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	......	......
Pleasant Union	15.00	......	1.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	......	......
Roseboro	50.00	5.00	5.00	25.00	10.00	20.00	......	5.00
Royal's Chapel	50.00	1.00	1.00	......	......	3.00	......	......
Salemburg	110.00	15.00	8.00	125.00	10.00	......	10.00	25.00
Spring Branch	100.00	......	10.00	105.00	5.00	85.00	......	5.00
Union Grove	30.00	5.00	......	2.50	1.00	5.00	......	......
White Oak	10.00	5.00	......	8.00	2.00	5.00	......	10.00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Ministerial Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Colleges and Schools.	Orphanage.	Sunday School Missions.	Other Objects.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	The Poor.	Sunday School Expenses.	Incidentals.	Building and Repairs.	Pastor's Salary.	Totals.
Antioch	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$	$	$ 5.00	$ 1.65	$17.50	$ 2.50	$ 2.35	$ 2.84	$24.00	$	$13.90	$	$ 10.00	$100.00	$ 180.74
Autryville	50				9.98		9.00	18.50		2.00	7.00		7.86			100.00	154.84
Baptist Chapel	2.00	2.00					52.55	27.00			38.08		70.00			125.00	316.63
Beulah	75										1.35		14.50			18.00	34.60
Brown's *																	
Canaan					1.65			1.50	1.47		4.72		15.00		32.25		56.59
Center	1.70				2.68				5.50	6.54	21.27		4.37			75.00	132.57
Clement	2.00	2.10			2.65		11.55	14.11	1.55	2.45	15.95	2.85				125.00	178.21
Corinth	1.00	1.00			5.00			2.90		2.00	8.35		6.65	15.00	800.00	100.00	940.90
Concord	70				4.73		20.65	4.78	4.78	4.94	10.36		10.00			125.00	175.94
Elizabeth	50							2.20	2.50		2.50					75.00	102.20
Godwin	1.00	2.00			16.00		47.25	8.00	5.00	7.00	10.00				1108.16	150.00	1356.41
Hickory Grove	1.00						3.00	3.56	3.20	1.52	5.72		3.20		10.00	53.00	70.20
Jordan's Chapel											4.00					40.00	44.00
Long Branch	1.00				2.85						6.08					90.00	99.93
Macedonia	1.00				3.02						10.00				25.00	82.00	151.02
Manley's Chapel											1.50		5.20	8.58		20.00	35.28
Mary's Chapel*																	
Mount Vernon																	
Mill Creek	1.00				1.00						4.40						6.40
Mount Elam	2.10				30.00		22.50				20.12	20.00	15.11			100.00	237.73
Piney Green	1.00	2.00			6.46		5.00	5.00		4.79	10.25	5.85	13.80			100.00	154.85
Pleasant Union	1.35				2.25			2.40			2.75		8.00			60.00	75.40
Roseboro		5.00			33.60	5.00		16.93	10.00	5.00	43.80	10.00		50.00	2000.00	150.00	2328.83
Royal's Chapel	40										90				24.00	16.20	42.50
Salemburg	2.25	10.00	10.00	8.80	17.00	13.00		125.00	83.00	31.80	135.00	25.00	30.49	50.00		400.00	941.54
Spring Branch	4.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	148.68	10.00	93.45	115.00	90.71	78.90	84.01		67.75	18.50	40.00	335.00	1112.00
Union Grove	1.25							2.50			2.00		13.75				18.25
White Oak	1.25				10.80		1.87	13.40	1.50	8.60	21.00	1.50	5.10			125.00	190.02

* Not represented.

MINUTES

of the

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

WOMAN'S, Y. W. A'S, SUNBEAMS and R. A'S
MISSION WORK

in

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

held with

GODWIN CHURCH, NOVEMBER 2 and 3, 1912.

The next session will be held with Salemburg Church, 2nd Sunday in November and Saturday before, beginning at 10 a. m., 1913.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. S. A. Howard	Vice-President.
Mrs. W. J. Jones	Secretary.

New Officers:

Mrs. S. A. Howard	Vice-President.
Mrs. W. J. Jones	Assistant.
Miss Georgia Williford	Secretary.
Mrs. Virginia Royall	Leader of Sunbeams.

THE PLANS AND AIMS FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES FOR THE PAST YEAR AND ALSO PLANS AND AIMS FOR THE YEAR 1913.

The 16th annual meeting of the W. M. S., Y. W. A., S. B.'s and R. A.'s held with Godwin Church, Nov. 2 and 3, 1912.

During the past Associational year in January, May, and September, we put before each society the following aims:

To enlist every woman and child in our churches and communities in Mission work and add personal service to our aims.

To give more and pray more to advance His kingdom.

To strive to reach our monied aims for both Associational year and W. M. U. year.

To make this the triumphant year with prayer as our motto.

To have the women feel responsibility for mothering the Junior Societies.

To reach aims for each object in the apportionment cards and also to reach the nine points in Standard of Excellence or as many as possible by February 28 1913, and also by our Associational meeting at Godwin.

During the past Associational year: 1st quarter only 12 societies reported; 2nd quarter only 15 Societies reported; 3rd quarter only 10 Societies reported; 4th quarter only 11 Societies reported.

Average of only 1-4 reported to me during the Associational year. Will every one report during the coming year?

For the W. M. U. year: 1st quarter we reported $131.91; 2nd quarter we reported $82.96; 3rd and 4th quarters we must report $285.13 to reach our aim of $500.00 by February 28, 1913, and report same to Mrs. W. N. Jones and your Vice-President.

During the past 16 years Societies have been organized in every one of the churches in our Association with only one or two exceptions. Will they keep at work?

2nd aim, to enlist every woman and child of our churches in W. M. S., Y. W. A., S. B. & R. A.'s.

3rd. For the Leaders of each society to prepare food for each meeting; so win and hold them.

4th. To strive to reach all or as many points as possible in the Standard of Excellence during the coming year.

Also try to reach "Standard of Excellence" for Association: 1-10 increase in gifts; 1-10 increase in membership; 1-2 women who are members of our churches enrolled in W. M. S. and Y. W. A., and 3-4 of Societies at least to report to Mrs. W. N. Jones and Associational Vice-President each quarter.

We only reached four points and as each point counts 10 we have made 40 points while 100 is the maximum. Will we strive to reach the 9 points set for each society and the 100 set for the Association by our next meeting? But let our highest aim be to be Christians. The call of the Captain of the Titanic: "Be British my men be British."

The Captain of our salvation cries "Be Christians my people be Christians." How many in touch of our hands and across the sea perish because we fail to be Christians. Great Captain help us to be Christians. Can there be any higher aim than to seek to save the lost? Will we give the world a spiritual uplift and girdle the earth with an influence that can not be measured?

Dr. Hartwell who labored over 50 years in China and Dr. J. B. Richerson, of North Carolina, and others have testified that their call and success was due largely to their mother's influence. Oh mothers, our responsibilities!

The excuse so many make for not doing mission work, "I am not capable," "not educated." This cry will be hushed in the face of what one poor woman in China did after she was 60 years old. She appreciated the gospel so much and so anxious for her people to know her Saviour till she studied and learned to read the Bible after 60 years old. She went to school and asked the teacher to teach her. When told she was too old to learn she got a box and a Bible and sat by the door and asked children to tell her the words as they passed by. In this way she learned to read the Bible and then went out beyond the mountains where no one else had ever been and the result was she led 37 souls to Christ.

Will we do our best the coming year to carry out all our plans and aims? Are we willing to sacrfiice to save souls? Will we rise to the highest and sweetest privilege of sacrificing for His sake?

When those who reject Christ awake to the fact that love is the motive power in our service their stubborn wills will bend. The key of love will unlock their hearts. The badge Christ gave His disciples to wear was love.

The Christian Chinese woman's motto "saved to serve". Will we let them surpass us? World's idea of happiness, self-ease; Christ's idea of happiness, service.

The immediate task before the women of our Association is to make sure of their foundation by training the children and young people and enlisting them in the great missionary enterprise. The Financial Table gives how much each Society has contributed for each object during the past year.

MRS. S. A. HOWARD,
Vice-President.

Salemburg, N. C.

SOUTH RIVER WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

On November 2nd, the fifth annual separate meeting of women of South River Association met in the beautiful new church at Godwin, N. C.

The session was opened in the usual manner with Mrs. S. A. Howard in the chair. A goodly number of delegates were present to meet with many friends and co-workers.

After devotional exercises and a talk from Mrs. Howard on the plans and purposes of the meeting, our State Y. W. A. Secretary, Miss Ellen Graham, spoke definitely and interestingly concerning the Standard of Excellence, urging each Society to rally to the standard. Later she made an earnest appeal to the Y. W. A.'s, insisting that all the young women in all the churches of the Association be speedily organized into this work and to report promptly. I am sure I voice the sentiment of the Association in thanking Miss Graham for her presence in our midst on this occasion.

Miss Florence Duncan from Roseboro gave a most interesting recitation, "Women and the Church," showing that more often women are honorary rather than active church members.

Miss Iula Olive, our former missionary, was a source of great inspiration to the meeting. Her talk on Personal Service was touching and showed conclusively that this is the work that lies closest to her heart.

Miss Georgia Williford, in a concise way, set forth the aims and plans for the Association for the coming year. These plans, if followed out, will greatly facilitate the work of our Association and will give it a uniformity which will mean expansion in all the branches of the work.

Mrs. W. J. Jones took as her subject "Our Daughters," based on the Bible reference that our daughters may be as "corner-stones polished after the similitude of a temple." She showed that the daughters serve the same purpose in the nation as the corner-stone does in the building. She also made it clear that our women should be interested and informed in all the reforms that make our homes and country a better place to live in; and this means, too, national problems, for truly does the nation abide at the fireside.

Misses Minnie Butler, Lela White, and Lettie Howard Y. W. A.'s from

Salemburg made the meeting unusually attractive by their singing and reciting.

Mr. Marvin White, a Royal Ambassador from Salemburg, gave a splendid address on Foreign Missions Sunday morning.

The financial reports from the Societies were beyond expectation. In every case I think the aims were increased for next year to $500.00.

Our Vice-President, Mrs. Howard, presided over the meeting with much dignity. The success of our Association was largely due to the untiring energy of Mrs. Howard.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Rev. W. J. Jones preached to the Association, using as his text: "She hath wrought a good work on me." He spoke eloquently on the Scripture bringing forth this utterance, and then he gave the history of Woman's work in moral and religious reform. He showed that they had entered every avenue which contributes to the uplift of the nations of the earth. He also showed that her sympathy has ever been deep for the lowly and unfortunate and that when she thinks for her country it is for its betterment and not for her own glory.

One pastor, several young men and several loyal laymen were present during the entire Association. They were a source of great inspiration to us, and they expressed themselves as having received much benefit from the meeting.

It was a sincere regret that our pastors were not at our meeting. As women, boys and children compose a large per cent of their congregation, it does seem reasonable to expect them to attend these annual meetings. Our women can do but little in society work unless they have the co-operation and help of the pastors. Dr. W. R. Cullom, of the W. M. C., gave a Missionary address later in the meeting.

Just before adjournment the Committee on Time and Place reported second Saturday and Sunday in November next as the time and Salemburg the home of the next Association.

MRS. W. J. JONES,
Secretary.

Salemburg, N. C.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Society.	President.	Postoffice.	Number Members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Training School.	Sunday School Missions.	Associational Missions.	Other Objects.	Totals.
Antioch	Miss Eugenia Strickland	Dunn R. F. D.	15	$	$	$ 75	$	$	$	$	$ 75
Autryville	Mrs. John L. Autry	Autryville			1.75						1.75
Baptist Chapel	Mrs. Laura Royal	Cooper									
Center	Mrs. Laura V. Royal	Wade R. F. D.		5.75	4.75	1.00					11.50
Concord	Miss Ida Jackson	Autryville R. F. D.	18	4.00		4.00					8.00
Clement	Mrs. Ida Royal	Wade R. F. D.	25								
Corinth	Miss Mattie Royal	Clinton R. F. D.									
Elizabeth	Mrs. R. E. Hobbs	Roseboro R. F. D.									
Godwin	Mrs. Mary Cook	Godwin		3.50	7.50	2.75			* 50	40.93	55.18
Hickory Grove	Mrs. J. H. Warren	Huntley			3.71						3.71
Manley's Chapel											
Long Branch	Mrs. Berta Hall	Autryville R. F. D.									
Macedonia	Miss Janie Hall	Fayetteville, R. F. D.									
Mill Creek	Mrs. Chas. Butler	Roseboro R. F. D.									
Mary's Chapel	Mrs. J. A. Fort	Clinton R. F. D.									
Mount Elam	Miss Duella Jackson	Cooper R. F. D.	25		14.15	2.25	75				17.15
Mount Vernon	Mrs. J. E. Britt	Moltonville			1.20						1.20
Roseboro	Mrs. All Owens	Roseboro	18	5.00	14.00	5.20					24.20
Royal's Chapel	Mrs. W. H. Taylor	Clinton R. F. D.									
Salemburg	Mrs. C. S. Royal	Salemburg	29	25.60	77.25	9.80	8.80		5.00		126.45
Spring Branch	Mrs. A. E. Alderman	Dunn R. F. D.	48	10.00	38.25	33.35	2.30		18.15		100.05
White Oak	Mrs. Kate Butler	Clinton R. F. D.	11	5.00	13.40	6.10					24.50
Piney Green	Mrs. Stella Butler	Huntley			1.00	2.75			2.65		6.40
Union Grove	Mr. Rob Howard	Orange							3.40		3.40
Total											386.24

* Expense Fund.

Grand total for W. M. S., Sunbeams and Y. W. A., $461.44; total with other objects, $502.87.

SUNBEAM SOCIETIES.

Society.	Leader.	Postoffice.	Number Members.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Bible Fund.	Associational Missions.	Totals.
Antioch	Miss Eugenia Strickland	Dunn R. F. D.		$	$	$	$	$	$
Autryville	Mrs. F. I. McKenzie	Autryville		11.80		90			2.70
Salemburg	Mrs. Virginia Royal	Salemburg	60	8.00	16.95	5.00	7.25		37.20
Spring Branch	Miss Delitha Naylor	Dunn R. F. D.	33	5.46	4.00	1.60		25	10.76
White Oak	Miss Lula Wilson	Clinton R. F. D.		41	25	71			1.37
Roseboro	Mrs. D. W. Tart	Roseboro	60						
Baptist Chapel	Mrs. N. T. Williams	Cooper							
Brown's	Mrs. Willie Howard	Clinton R. F. D.							
Clements	Mrs. Ida Royal	Autryville R. F. D.							
Corinth	Miss Mary B. Royal	Clinton R. F. D.							
Wade	Miss Myra Olive	Wade, N. C.	10						
Hickory Grove	Mrs. A. B. Gilbert	Clinton R. F. D.							
Long Branch	Miss Mary E. Bedsole	Autryville R. F. D.							
Macedonia	Miss Mollie Carter	Fayetteville R. F. D.							
Mount Elam	Miss Duella Jackson	Cooper							
Piney Green	Miss Stella Taylor	Huntley							
Beulah	Mrs. J. B. Rainer	Dunn R. F. D.							

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

Society.	Leader.	Postoffice.	Number Members.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Bible Fund.	Associational Missions.	Totals.
Salemburg	Miss Esther Page	Salemburg		14.35	5.00	2.00		5.45	27.60
Spring Branch	Miss Augusta Williford	Dunn R. F. D.	40	12.90	5.00	14.50	* 2.10	1.50	37.00
Total S. S. and Y. W. A.									116.63

* Training School.

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D. W. Tew	R. F. D. No. 5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt	R. F. D. No. 5, Clinton, N. C.
G. A. Bain	Dunn, N C.
J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.
R. W. Bass	Clinton, N. C.
T. J. Baker	Stedman, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. C. Williford Chairman	Dunn, N. C.
E. T. Turlington, Assistant Chairman	Salemburg, N. C.
R. L. Hall, Secretary	Autreyville, N. C.
C. M. Hall, Treasurer	Orange, N. C.
S. A. Howard	Salemburg, N. C.
G. W. Starling	Godwin, N. C.
Alvin Royal	Clinton, N. C.

PROGRAM FOR ASSOCIATION.

October 22nd, 1913.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon.
12:00 m. —Organization.

Afternoon Session.

2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
2:15 p. m.—Biblical Recorder.
2:45 p. m.—Ministerial Relief.
3:15 p. m.—Temperance.

THURSDAY MORNING.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—State and Associational Missions.
10:30 a. m.—Baptist Education.
10:45 a. m.—Woman's Work.
11:30 a. m.—Missionary Sermon.

Afternoon Session.

2:00 p. m.—General Business and Reports of Committees.
2:15 p, m.—Home and Foreign Missions.
2:45 p. m.—Obituaries.
3:30 p. m.—Orphanage.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m,—Sunday Schools.
11:00 a. m.—Layman's Movement.
11:30 a. m.—Literature.
12:00 m. —Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS.

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, with all objects of our Convention, may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with Associational Mission money to the Unions, or to the Association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

Center Baptist Church, October 22nd, 1913.

The South River Baptist Association met in its Thirty-Seventh Annual Session at this church, according to invitation and appointment, at 11 A. M. Introductory sermon by Rev. T. J. Baker. Text, Exodus 14:15.

12 M. organization.

Report on order of business was read by the Clerk, and ordered its adoption.

Election of officers are as follows for the ensuing year: S. A. Howard, Moderator; A. E. Royal, Clerk; R. N. Butler, Treasurer.

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. Association convened. Rev. W. J. Jones conducted devotional exercises.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Reading Clerks—D. M. Williford and C. M. Hall.
Finance Committee—A. L. Starling, W. B. Matthews and J. A. Horne.
To Nominate Executive Board—D. W. Tew, T. J. Baker and M. W. Naylor.

Ordained ministers present: W. J. Jones, J. O. Tew, D. W. Tew, M. W. Naylor, T. J. Baker and J. B. Newton.

Ordained deacons present: Rafe Williams, G. W. Starling, D. W. Royal, J. B. Page, D. C. Matthews, R. N. Butler, J. H. Porter, D. C. Rich and J. A. Dawson

Visiting ministers and brethren: Rev. W. M. Page and W. E. Dunnagan from the Cumberland Association; Bro. N. J. Howel from the Johnson Association; Bro. W. M. Green, representing the Biblical Recorder; Bro. E. M. Cullom.

List of churches called and ten churches responded, the letters from Elizabeth and Spring Branch were tabled, asking for the next session of the Association.

Call for petitionary letters, and two responded, Mingo Baptist Church and Parkersburg Baptist Church, which were unanimously received by the Association.

Report of Committee to Nominate Executive Board recommended as follows: S. A. Howard, Chairman, and E. T. Turlington, Assistant Chairman, Salemburg, N. C.; R. L. Hall, Secretary, Autryville, N. C.; C. M. Hall, Treasurer, Orange, N. C.; G. W. Starling, Godwin, N. C.; S. L. Jackson, Dunn, N. C.; Jim Warren, Huntly, N. C. Report adopted.

Report on Biblical Recorder called for and discussed by Brethren W. M. Green, J. B. Newton, W. E. Dunnagan and W. M. Page.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. M. Page to conduct devotional exercises 9:30 A. M., Thursday. Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Newton.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association convened at 9:30 A. M.

Rev. W. M. Page conducted devotional exercises.

Minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

List of churches called and four churches responded. The letter from Hickory Grove Church was laid on the table, asking for the next session of the Association.

Call for visiting brethren and the following responded: Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention; F. B. Hamrick, Orphanage; G. E. Lineberry, General Education; C. M. Beach, Dell School.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief: The Ministerial Relief Board is a worthy object, and should have the co-operation of every church in our Association. The old ministers who have given their labor to the Lord's cause and are still living are our best counsellors, and while they are not able to do pastoral work, yet they are of much value to the cause, and we recommend that each church in the Association set one of their regular preaching Sundays during the coming year and a collection be given for this object.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. HALL, Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion the order of business be changed and the missionary sermon come just before adjournment for dinner.

Report of Committee on State Missions: We are thankful to God for the work already done in the State by State Missions, but the work has by no means been commensurate with the need. The field for State Missions in North Carolina is a large one, and needs speedy cultivation and harvesting. There are three divisions in this field: East, West and Center. Each is equally needy; but perhaps our greatest destitution is in the east. During the past year we have had 150 missionaries who have preached at 335 churches and stations. The missionaries preached 10,150 sermons, held 231 meetings, baptized 1,607 people, received 1,393 by letter. They reported twenty houses being built and twelve houses finished. The Treasurer's report shows that we received for State Missions last year $47,931.91. It is a significant fact that at least two-thirds of the money contributed to the work of the Kingdom comes from the churches that were planted and fostered by the State Board of Missions. Do State Missions pay? Would the tree grow without the roots? State Missions is to all our work what the roots are to the tree. Shall we come to our State Convention without debt? Will we rob God? How will we answer these questions? Let's make our honest effort to do the work God has laid upon us.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. WILLIFORD, Committee.

Discussed by Livingston Johnson and adopted.

Motion that J. B. Newton be a committee to equalize the amounts of the different objects of the Convention for the churches of the South River Association with a raise of ten per cent.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

We, as Baptists, especially since we believe in an open Bible and an individual interpretation of the same, should strive to give to all our people the best possible educational advantages. To this end Wake Forest College was opened for boys in 1835. It has done a great work in training men and today her sons are to be found in practically every country on the globe. Many of these are missionaries in foreign fields, many are great leaders both in pulpit and in pew, in our own country, and especially in our own State.

The Louisville Seminary being in close touch with our Southern life should be encouraged by our finances and our patronage. We would urge our ministerial students to consider carefully advantages offered there before turning their faces toward other institutions.

In 1900 Meredith College was opened for our girls. While Wake Forest has done a great work for our men, yet the opportunity in training men is not equal to that in training women, hence Meredith College means more to us and will mean more through all the years to come than any other one institution in the State. Numbers of our students are already missionaries both at home and abroad, others are in training schools preparing for the great work. Many are out in the home churches leaders in mission societies, Sunday school work, training the Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors, many are teaching in our public schools, graded schools and academies. All these wield a powerful influence in shaping the destinies of the souls of our children. And we would not underestimate the great power and influence of the trained mothers in our homes, mothers who have received the training such as Meredith is giving.

We have a system of fourteen denominational high schools and some others owned by private parties that are under denominational control. These schools last year enrolled between three and four thousand students. These institutions, as well as our colleges, are arranging in building, equipment and teaching force to give the very best educational advantages to be found in our State. Then going a step further they propose to put about them a Christian influence and Christian teaching such as will induce the unsaved to become Christians, and the converted ones to be developed into good strong Christian workers. More than two hundred of the students in these schools were converted last year. Often there will be found in these schools out of a large body of boarding students only one or two who are not Christians. About four hundred students in our schools took the Sunday School Normal training course last year. More than that are enrolled this year. We also have several other organizations connected with them for training in Christian service. Perhaps B. Y. P. U. should be especially mentioned, as practically all our schools have this organization and are doing fine work in it.

Let us realize the critical hour that comes in the lives of our children when first they cut loose from home influences and home ties and go to some boarding school. Their life principles and character still unsettled and, perhaps, as we might say, in the act of being moulded, and let us with our finances and patronage loyally support our system of schools and arrange to take care of our boys and girls at this period in life and make safe their immortal souls.

G. E. LINEBERRY, Committee.

Ably discussed by C. M. Beach.

Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

To Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—E. T. Turlington, G. W. Starling and R. L. Hall.

To the Baptist State Convention—D. M. Williford, D. W. Royal, Raiford Williams.

To locate and select preachers for the next session of Association—H. I. Hall, J. T. Williams and Amma Crumpler.

To nominate members of State Mission Board—J. L. Autry, R. N. Butler and F. B. Johnson.

Auditing Committee—C. M. Hall and D. M. Williford.

Committee on Order of Business for the next session of the Association—J. B. Newton, Amma Crumpler and J. B. Page.

At 11:45 missionary sermon by Rev. W. E. Dunnagan. Text, Psalms 2:1.

Adjourned until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 1:30 P. M.

List of churches called and seven reported. The letter from Piney Green was laid on the table, asking for the next session of the Association.

Visiting brethren, Rev. John Prevatt from the Robeson Association, Rev. T. J. Hood from the Neuse Atlantic Association.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work: Seventeen years ago the women of the South River Association began mission work as an organization. During the intervening time either a W. M. S. or S. B., or both, have been organized in every church, with the exception of one or two. In all fifty-four have been organized. Many of these have become inactive. At present there are only about twenty-one at work. Their aim is to enlist every woman and child in the mission cause. Their financial aim for the year is $500. The societies have reported as follows: W. M. S. $340.90, Y. W. A. $60.60, S. B. $65.46.

One of the greatest movements of the nineteenth century is that of the missionary movement, and from the beginning of this era women have been praying, giving and working. In the Southern Baptist Convention women began mission work as an organization twenty-five years ago, and by their united efforts are carrying out the recommendation of the Foreign, Home and Sunday School Board. In North Carolina there are 1,000 missionary societies. Their aim for the year is forty-two thousand dollars. In the Southern Baptist Convention there are eleven thousand societies, whose aim for this year for missions is $315,000. Yet of the one million women in the Southern Baptist Convention only one-tenth of them enlist in the woman's missionary work. The task of the W. M. Union is to enlist the other nine-tenths in the missionary work—also all the children in the Sunbeam Bands and thereby help to take the world for Christ. Wise men of long ago followed a star which led them to Christ. Today wise women may follow a star which will lead others to follow Christ as their King.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. HOWARD, Committee.

Ably discussed by G. E. Lineberry and adopted.

Report on Orphanage Work by F. B. Hamrick, and ordered its adoption.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The ideal of the Thomasville Orphanage is to furnish a real Christian home for the children. Careful attention is given to their comfort, their health, their minds, their morals, and their spiritual interests. Every effort is put forth to make of each child a straightforward, industrious, intelligent and Christian citizen.

Since the reception of the first child in 1885, there have been enrolled at Thomasville 1,420 children, 411 of whom are now in the Orphanage. It is said that there are about 1,500 orphans being cared for in the several orphanages of the State. Yet, not one-fifth of the needy orphan children of the State are in these orphanages. It is a crying shame that literally thousands of needy orphan children in North Carolina are being denied the advantages of such an institution as ours at Thomasville. Some of the most needy and most neglected orphans never even apply for admission, for they have no one sufficiently interested in them to make application for their admission. And if application were made, they could not be received on account of the lack of equipment and sources of support. Brethren, we should try to hasten the day in North Carolina when the orphanages will seek the needy orphans rather than wait for someone to beg of us a place in the Orphanage for such children.

But great sums of money must be consecrated to the enlargement and equipment of our Orphanage at Thomasville, and a greatly increased current fund must be built up before we can assume anything like our share of this great undertaking. To get the needed equipment, individuals and churches must make liberal donations. Our people should give what they can while they live and have their wills so made that donations shall go for them to the Orphanage after they are dead. We should not only make provision for our own children, but for the needy minor children of our dead brethren and sisters.

The current fund can be greatly increased by every Sunday school in the State adopting the custom of giving one collection per month to the Orphanage. Scarcely one-third of our Baptist Sunday schools are now doing this. And, too, practically all of the schools already contributing can be worked up to increase their contributions.

Thanksgiving Day also furnishes a most opportune and appropriate time to make liberal contributions for the support of the fatherless and motherless children that are in our Orphanage.

We are happy to note that some valuable gifts have recently been made to the Orphanage, but these will be used for enlargment and permanent improvements, and in time call for a larger current fund.

Charity and Children is also a mighty factor in supporting and creating sentiment for the Orphanage, and its circulation should be vastly increased.

We, therefore, earnestly recommend:

1. That our people seriously consider the importance of making contributions for the enlargement and permanent improvement of our Orphanage. This can be done by direct gift or legacy left in wills.

2. That every Sunday school give one Sunday's collection in each month to the Orphanage and that they make this collection just as liberal as possible.

3. That each church observe Thanksgiving service and make a liberal Thanksgiving offering to the current fund.

4. That our Sunday schools take Charity and Children in club quantities, and that individuals subscribe for the paper when they cannot secure it through the Sunday school.

Ordered that a correction be made in the Minutes of 1913 in regard to total amount of money paid by Hickory Grove Church in 1912, which Minutes show the church only paid $70.20, which should have been $117.84.

Report of Committee to Nominate Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention was E. I. Olive. On motion the report received.

Report of Committee to Nominate Delegate to Baptist State Convention, J. B. Newton. Ordered its adoption.

Report of committee to locate and select preachers for the next session of the Association recommended Piney Green Church, Rev. W. J. Jones to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. T. J. Baker to preach the missionary sermon.

Report of committee to nominate member of the State Mission Board recommended C. M. Hall.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

During the past year a number of our dear brethren and sisters have fallen asleep in Jesus to await the resurrection of the just. We tender the sympathy and the love of this Association to the bereaved ones. Among the members who have died we call to mind Sister Elizabeth Herring, of White Oak Church, who died at the age of 102 years. Truly hers was a useful life. She was a ministering angel. She went about doing good. Her memory is blessed. Also the above may be said of the ones who have passed away from the other churches. Sister Tomsila Autry, of Autryville Church. The following brethren and sisters from Antioch Church: Sarah Jones, Daniel McCorquodale, both were faithful member. From Spring Branch Church: David C. Dawson, G. E. Dawson, Wright Smith, Patience Dixon, Edith E. Lee and A. B. Giles. All were faithful members.

Death to God's children is the gate into that abundant life that Jesus came to give them. Let us all be faithful unto death that we may receive the crown of life. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. TEW, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren: Seeing temperance is clearly taught in the word of God, and seeing from the last statistics the great destruction of intemperance to man, and seeing the great sin thereof; be it,

Resolved first, That we keep temperance before our people until they shall see and know the shame and disgrace of intemperance.

Second, That we keep it before them for the good already accomplished, and will accomplish, until man shall be freed from the clutches of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. DAWSON, Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion the Clerk draw on the Treasurer of the Executive Board for the amount sufficient to meet the expenses of the Minutes, also the Clerk be paid a salary of $15.00 for preparing the Minutes.

Report of the committee to equalize the amounts of the different objects of the Convention.

PLEDGES FOR 1913--1914.

CHURCHES.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Colleges and Schools.	Orphanage.	Sunday School Missions.	Wake Forest Church.	Minutes.
Antioch	$15.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 7.00	$2.75	$2.75	$...	$ 5.50	$1.00	$2.50	$ 2.00
Autryville	20.00	10.75	10.75	11.00	2.50	2.75	....	25.00	2.00	5.00	2.00
Baptist Chapel	11.00	20.00	8.25	20.00	4.00	4.00	....	11.00	5.00	5.00	2.50
Beulah	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	....	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00
Brown's	5.00	1.50	1.00	1.25	1.00	1.00	....	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00
Canaan	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	....	1.25	1.00	1.00	1.00
Center	20.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	2.00	4.00	....	5.00	1.50	2.50	1.50
Clement	25.00	12.50	12.00	12.50	3.00	10.00	....	7.00	2.00	5.00	2.00
Corinth	5.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	....	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.25
Concord	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	....	5.00	1.00	3.00	2.00
Elizabeth	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	....	5.00	1.00	2.00	1.25
Godwin	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	....	5.00	1.00	2.50	1.00
Hickory Grove	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	....	10.00	1.00	5.00	1.50
Jordan's Chapel	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Long Branch	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	....	3.00	1.00	3.00	1.50
Macedonia	15.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1.50	1.50	....	15.00	1.50	5.00	1.50
Manley's Chapel	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mary's Chapel	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Mill Creek	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.50	1.50	....	3.50	1.00	2.00	1.25
Mingo	......	......	......	......	......	......	....	......	.....	3.00	1.00
Mount Elim	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	3.00	3.00	....	15.00	3.00	5.00	3.00
Mount Vernon	1.50	1.50	1.50	3.00	1.00	1.00	....	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Piney Green	35.00	9.30	9.30	20.00	2.00	2.00	....	6.60	1.10	5.00	2.50
Pleasant Union	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Parkersburg	......	......	......	......	......	......	....	......	.....	2.00	1.00
Roseboro	9.00	10.90	6.65	16.00	3.00	3.00	....	17.60	1.10	7.50	2.00
Royal's Chapel	1.75	1.10	1.00	1.65	1.00	1.00	....	3.30	1.10	2.00	1.00
Salemburg	77.33	79.38	65.20	111.55	11.00	11.00	....	47.46	8.80	25.00	5.00
Spring Branch	53.68	50.00	76.00	161.28	11.00	27.50	....	191.98	16.50	25.00	5.00
Union Grove	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	....	2.00	1.00	2.50	1.50
White Oak	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	3.00	3.00	....	8.00	3.00	5.00	2.00

Equalization on basis of ten per cent increase, by unanimous vote at last Association.

J. B. NEWTON, Committee.

On motion and carried we ask all the churches to consider the change of the time of meeting of the Association and to be acted upon at the next session of the Association.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Convened at 9:30 A. M.

Rev. J. B. Newton conducted devotional exercises.

Report of Committee on Order of Business for the next session of the Association to be held with Piney Green Church, October, 1914. Chairman, Rev. J. B. Newton.

State and Associational Missions—A. F. Howard.
Home Missions—H. J. Duncan.
Foreign Missions—D. W. Tew.
Ministerial Relief—Redin Honeycutt.
Baptist Education—W. J. Jones.
Orphanage—J. A. Dawson.
Sunday Schools—J. A. Turlington.
Temperance—H. G. Sessoms.
Woman's Work—T. J. Hood.
Recorder—J. O. Tew.
Obituaries—M. W. Naylor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has set for its aim the great task of Christianizing the South through its evangelists, mission literature, mission schools and erection of church buildings. As we strengthen the stakes at home we can lengthen the cords abroad. The deeper our spirituality in missions the more deeply we can impress the heathen nations. Shall we let the immigrants come to our southland and fail to give them the Gospel of Christ? Of the 31,000,000 people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory only 10,000,000 are professing Christianity. This means an enormous amount of work to be done. First to save the lost in the South; second, teaching them to observe all things which God commands; third, enlisting them in His service. Dr. Dawson, of Alabama, said of the 2,200,000 Southern Baptists 200,000 are practically doing the work. To save the lost, enlist them, and the 2,000,000 who are asleep in God's service should be our aim. We must begin at home if we save the world. If America fails, the world will fail. If we save America we will save the world.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. HOWARD, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." This is the command of our Captain. Shall we obey it? It is up to us. There never has been such a loud call for laborers and this the most opportune time to do the work. Shall not every church in the South River Association do her best this coming year?

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. NEWTON, For Committee.

Read and discussed by T. J. Hood and J. B. Newton.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Our Sunday schools have done much for our Baptist cause in our State and in our Association. A few years ago this work of Sunday schools was not looked on as of much importance. But few of our schools were kept open twelve months in the year. Many of our Baptists among the middle aged and older members seemed to think this work belonged to the young. But there has been a great change now. Many of our churches have evergreen schools. Many of our oldest brethren and sisters are found in our Sunday schools each Sunday taking an active part in the lessons.

There is much to encourage us in the work. It is not, by far, what it might be. It is said that about ninety per cent of the converts brought into the churches come from the Sunday schools. If this be true, how important it is for all parents to see, while their children are with them, that they show them the great interest they have for them in taking them to Sunday school. Let us, as Baptists, do our very best to get all our people and all that are about us into this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WILLIFORD, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the South River Association, make the following report:

Financial Report.

By balance on hand from 1912		$ 253.15
By amount received from Union		203.22
By amount received from the churches		241.52
Total to account for		$697.89
To amount paid G. A. Bain	$ 60.00	
To amount paid R. Honeycutt	20.82	
To amount paid Lonnie Sasser	44.09	
To amount paid W. H. Hood	7.50	
To amount paid D. W. Tew	23.32	
To amount paid N. D. Blackman	11.10	
To amount paid W. T. Hurst	55.47	
To amount paid A. E. Royal on Minute fund	13.00	
To amount paid B. F. Deloach	33.33	268.63
Balance on hand		$429.26

During the year we have assisted the following churches: Beulah, Browns, Canaan, Manleys Chapel, Marys Chapel, Jordans Chapel, Royalls Chapel and Mount Vernon. There is still much to be done for our Lord. The field is inviting.

During the last year several have been added to the missionary church in one mission field. They extend thanks for our co-operation

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Remarks by Bro. J. C. Williford, the retiring member of the board.

Ordered the report adopted.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

That the South River Association render a vote of thanks to Bro. J. C. Williford for his faithful performance of his duty while a member of the Executive Board.

On motion and carried that the Association render a vote of thanks to the members of Center Church and all friends who so faithfully aided in the support of the Association.

On motion and carried the Committee on Equalization ask each church to aid in building Baptist Church at Wake Forest.

On motion and carried that all moneys collected during the year be sent to Walters Durham except Minute funds and associational missions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From October, 1912, to October 22, 1913.

Receipts.

On hand 1912	$ 6.40
Received from all sources	542.90
Total	$ 549.30

Disbursements.

To C. M. Hall, Associational Missions	$ 55.72
To Orphanage	70.58
To Treasurer B. S. C.	359.85
To Rev. W. M. Page, M. R.	34.70
To A. E. Royal, Minute fund	28.45
Total	$ 549.30

Audited by committee and found correct.

D. M. WILLIFORD,
C. M. HALL, Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes and Clerk	$ 33.40
Associational Missions	262.00
State Missions	76.62
Home Missions	24.40
Foreign Missions	54.07
Sunday Schools Missions	20.00
Orphanage	55.46
Ministerial Relief	29.50
Education	10.00
Ministerial Education	10.75
Colleges and Schools	10.00
Total	$ 586.20

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report the above amounts as having been sent to this Association with the church letters, received into the hands of the Finance Committee and paid over to your Treasurer.

A. L. STARLING,
W. B. MATHEWS,
J. A. HORN, Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in October at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—G. W. Starling, W. C. Pope, H. N. Bizzell.
Autryville—T. J. Baker and R. L. Hall.
Baptist Chapel—C. M. Tew, J. W. Page, Joel Starling.
Beulah—S. W. Barefoot, L. H. Moore.
Browns—H. B. Jordan, H. A. Howard, S. Reeves.
Canaan—
Center—Wm. Evans, N. E. Williams, M. F. House.
Clement—W. B. Mathews, A. I. Mathews, J. T. Hayes.
Corinth—Archibald Royal, H. G. Holland, N. C. Warren.
Concord—J. B. Downing, Theodore Cashwell, J. B. Bedsole.
Elizabeth—M. O. Williams, J. C. Rich, H. P. Porter.
Godwin—Geo. H. Starling, Duncan Pope, W. M. Pope.
Hickory Grove—J. R. Strickland, J. A. Warren, D. W. Tew.
Jordan Chapel—F. B. Jordan, A. D. Bass, D. H. Bryan.
Long Branch—Joel Hall, G. W. Jolley, H. I. Hall.
Macedonia—J. A. Carter, John Starling, M. F. Starling.
Manleys Chapel—B. F. Sasser, Bynum Best, Frank Cogdell.
Marys Chapel—G. M. Bass, M. J. Bradshaw, J. E. Bass.
Mill Creek—J. A. Horne, J. I. Peterson, Eli Cooper.
Mount Elam—J. T. Williams, Aury Strickland, J. F. Jackson.
Mount Vernon—Alvin Royal, Beamon Jordan, M. A. Gainey.
Mingo—Represented by J. A. Dawson.
Piney Green—L. H. Honeycutt, J. A. Royal, H. G. Sessoms.
Pleasant Union—
Parkersburg—Represented by F. B. Johnson.
Roseboro—J. O. Tew.
Royals Chapel—Represented by D. W. Tew.
Salemburg—Marvin White, Roy Underwood, R. N. Butler, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Miss Nancy Rackley.
Spring Branch—J. C. Williford, D. M. Williford, Joe W. Strickland, W. M. Naylor, S. L. Jackson.
Union Grove—J. W. Mathews, Randall Williams, A. D. Lewis.
White Oak—Jeff Crumpler, T. W. Crumpler, R. A. Butler.

TABLE I—FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1912--1913.

CHURCH.	Minute Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Aged Ministers.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch	$ 1.00	$125.00	$.....	$.....	$ 9.29	$.....	$24.00	$ 2.00	$ 1.00	$ 2.50	$.....	$ 8.00	$.....	$ 2.61	$ 2.50	$11.50	$ 188.90
Autryville	.70	135.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....	24.87	1.80	.....	.....	.....	22.93	.....	.....	8.00	.....	201.30
Baptist Chapel	1.25	150.00	20.30	17.66	19.06	26.00	10.01	18.26	5.01	17.05	7.00	10.00	.....	3.49	3.51	.....	308.60
Browns	.80	30.00	.....	.....	3.50	.....	7.50	.....	.75	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	63.30
Beulah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center	1.00	100.00	21.00	.....	14.55	.....	30.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	.....	4.50	.....	.....	4.45	24.00	210.50
Clement	1.55	125.00	.....	.....	9.50	.....	40.00	5.00	.....	10.00	.....	4.35	.....	2.36	12.13	21.81	231.70
Corinth	1.00	75.00	100.00	.....	8.00	.....	4.01	.67	.....	1.15	.....	.50	.....	.....	.....	1.20	191.53
Concord	.85	100.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....	17.61	1.66	4.07	3.68	.....	5.00	.....	1.60	4.23	.....	393.70
Elizabeth	.80	75.00	.....	.....	10.00	.....	6.50	1.00	3.80	.....	.....	10.50	.....	3.00	.....	.....	110.60
Godwin	.50	150.00	76.15	.....	25.00	1.90	6.76	2.25	6.00	3.25	.....	12.31	.....	.....	.....	7.75	281.67
Hickory Grove	1.00	60.35	3.85	.....	5.00	10.00	13.00	6.00	.....	2.00	5.00	13.32	.....	.....	10.00	.....	129.52
Jordan's Chapel	.50	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	47.00
Long Branch	.80	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.55	5.90	.....	1.52	.....	2.00	.....	1.62	.....	.....	116.39
Macedonia	.80	84.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19.35	.....	.....	15.00	.....	21.11	.....	.....	.....	.....	140.26
Mauley's Chapel	.....	25.00	.....	.....	3.16	.....	4.61	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	1.00	7.75	46.52
Mary's Chapel	.....	35.00	.....	1.00	4.50	.....	8.55	.....	3.00	3.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55.70
Mill Creek	1.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	1.50	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.50
Mount Elam	2.50	100.00	.....	.....	20.00	.....	30.00	17.55	.....	.....	.....	30.00	.....	3.75	.....	31.00	234.80
Mount Vernon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.50	5.25	1.41	7.12	.....	.....	4.25	.....	22.53
Mingo (new church)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piney Green	1.00	100.00	.....	8.00	13.36	.....	37.16	3.03	8.45	18.20	1.00	6.02	.....	.....	3.40	22.50	222.30
Pleasant Union	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parkersburg (new Ch.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roseboro	.....	300.00	3800.00	.....	28.98	.....	.....	13.00	6.24	14.58	1.00	16.00	.....	2.64	2.65	3.90	4192.90
Royal's Chapel	.50	24.66	35.00	3.00	2.00	.....	4.30	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.18	76.14
Salemburg	3.00	400.00	.....	66.31	30.55	.....	70.30	72.17	59.28	101.49	8.00	43.15	5.00	10.00	10.00	7.12	886.37
Spring Branch	4.00	340.00	.....	12.00	80.55	5.25	50.00	98.28	100.00	184.32	16.00	182.48	15.00	10.00	25.00	40.00	1243.03
Union Grove	1.00	100.00	.....	.....	16.29	.....	4.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	126.29
White Oak	1.25	150.00	60.00	5.00	4.30	5.00	10.00	5.00	7.25	8.00	.....	12.55	.....	.....	2.00	.....	270.35

TABLE II—STATISTICAL—FOR THE YEAR 1913--1914.

CHURCH.	Pastor and Postoffice.	Clerk and Postoffice.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Seating Capacity.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
Antioch	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro, N C.	L. W. Starling, Wade, N. C.	Fourth	$1200.00	400	5	4	....	....	....	2	36	53	98
Autryville	T. J. Baker, Stedman, N. C.	John L. Autry, Autryville	Second	....	....	....	....	1	2	1	3	45	62	107
Baptist Chapel	E. I. Olive, Wade, N. C.	R. L. Bennet, Cooper, N. C.	Second	800.00	500	1	....	....	2	4	....	100	145	245
Beulah	R. Honeycutt, Clinton, R. 5	J. B Young, Dunn, N. C.	Fourth	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Brown's	G A. Bain, Dunn, N. C.	W. C. Howard, Clinton, N. C.	Fourth	200.00	400	4	....	....	....	....	1	28	35	63
Canaan	....	....	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Center	E. I. Olive, Hope Mills, N. C.	J. T. Williams, Wade, N. C.	Third	800.00	200	3	1	....	....	....	1	39	50	89
Clement	T. J. Baker, Stedman, N. C.	J. T Royal, Autryville, N. C.	First	500.00	500	....	....	....	9	2	3	61	86	147
Corinth	Lonnie Sasser, Wake Forest	H. G. Holland, Clinton, N. C	First	1000.00	300	14	3	....	....	....	....	33	44	77
Concord	J. O. Tew, Roseboro, N. C.	Theo. Cashwell, Stedman	Second	1500.00	....	....	....	....	2	1	4	45	120	165
Elizabeth	W. H. Bass, Delway, N. C.	O. B. McLemore, Roseboro	Second	400.00	200	10	10	....	4	2	....	66	76	142
Godwin	E. I. Olive, Wade, N. C.	W. M. Pope, Godwin	First	3000.00	300	11	....	....	....	1	1	32	40	72
Hickory Grove	Marshall Hood, Goldsboro	J. R. Strickland, Clinton, N. C	Second	800.00	500	....	2	....	1	....	....	32	43	75
Jordan's Chapel	Lonnie Sasser, Wake Forest	D. H Bryan, Mount Olive	Fourth	500.00	300	1	5	....	1	....	1	23	15	38
Long Branch	T. J. Baker, Stedman, N. C.	H. I. Hall, Hayne, N. C.	......	600.00	375	....	1	....	....	....	....	49	80	129
Macedonia	John Prevatt, Buie, N. C.	M. H. Sessoms, Stedman	First	....	200	1	1	....	....	....	....	27	53	80
Manley's Chapel	Lonnie Sasser, Wake Forest	B. F. Sasser, Mount Olive	Fourth	400.00	300	5	....	3	....	....	....	13	25	38
Mary's Chapel	G. A. Bain, Dunn, N. C.	J. E. Bass, Keener, N. C.	......	....	....	5	1	2	....	....	1	12	25	37
Mill Creek	....	John Horne, Roseboro, N. C.	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mount Elam	G. A. Bain, Dunn, N. C.	J. F. Jackson, Huntley, N. C.	Third	500.00	500	15	3	1	1	1	....	70	117	187
Mount Vernon	B. F. DeLoatch, Clinton, N. C	Alvine Royal, Clinton, N. C.	Third	....	....	9	2	....	....	2	....	21	27	48
Mingo	....	....	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Piney Green	J. O. Tew, Roseboro, N C.	H. G. Sessoms, Huntley, N. C	Fourth	2000.00	900	19	....	1	....	....	3	78	130	208
Pleasant Union	....	....	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Parkersburg	W. E. Dunagan, Fayetteville	....	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg, N. C.	W. J. Watson, Roseboro, N. C	1st-3rd	6000.00	300	4	3	....	....	....	....	58	62	120
Royal's Chapel	D. W. Tew, Clinton, N. C	C. H. Butler, Clinton, N. C.	Second	400.00	200	2	....	....	....	....	2	7	15	22
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg, N. C.	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	2nd-4th	2000.00	400	1	1	....	6	2	1	107	120	227
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn, R. 1.	First	4000.00	1200	30	8	2	....	1	7	188	192	380
Union Grove	John Prevatt, Buie, N. C.	R. W. Howard, Autryville	Fourth	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	34	34	68
White Oak	W. B. Rivenbark, Teachey	J. R. Butler, Clinton, N. C.	Second	650.00	400	2	2	1	3	....	....	26	45	71

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS—FOR THE YEAR 1912--1913.

Church.	Superintendent and Postoffice.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Enrollment.	Number of Schools.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies Taken.	Months kept open.	Average Attendance.	Number of Baptisms.	Contributions for Missions Orphanage, etc.	School Expenses.	Total Contributions
Antioch	G. W. Starling, Wade, N. C	9	69	78	1			12	59	2	$ 3.00	$ 9.29	$ 12.29
Autryville	E. V. Cooper, Autryville, N. C	6	80	86	1			12	45		22.93	8.00	30.93
Baptist Chapel	N. T. Williams, Cooper, N. C	5	95	100	2			12	82		7.00	19.06	26.06
Beulah													
Brown's	Thomas James, Clinton, N. C	5	60	65				9	35	3			
Canaan													
Center	J. T. Williams, Wade, N. C	6	80	86	1			12	60	2	21.00	14.55	35.55
Clement	A I. Mathews, Autryville, N. C	6	92	98					65			9.50	9.50
Corinth	E. H. Holden, Huntley, N. C	7	98	105				9	70	16	1.20	8.20	9.40
Concord	T. C. Davis, Autryville, N. C	5	30	35					25				
Elizabeth	M. O. Williams, Roseboro, N. C	5	60	65	1			12		10		10.00	10.00
Godwin	Duncan Pope, Godwin, N. C	8	100	108	1			12	45	1		25.00	25.00
Hickory Grove	J. R. Strickland, Clinton, N. C			75				8	60			5.00	5.00
Jordan's Chapel													
Long Branch	B. Hall, Autryville, N. C			60				7	45	1	2.00	4.58	6.58
Macedonia													
Manley's Chapel	B. F. Sasser, Mount Olive, N. C	6	48	56	1			9		4		3.16	3.16
Mary's Chapel	J. E. Bass, Keener, N. C	8	42	50	1			7	35	1			
Mill Creek	M. M Sessoms, Roseboro, N. C	3	45	48					30			5.00	5.00
Mount Elam	Ira Baggett, Cooper, N. C	7	140	147	1			9	90	15		20.00	20.00
Mount Vernon	Beaman Jordan, Mount Olive, N. C	7	61	68	1			12	40	8			
Mingo													
Piney Green	I. T. McLamb, Huntley, N. C	8	75	83	1			12	83	15		13.36	13.36
Pleasant Union													
Parkersburg													
Roseboro	D. W. Tart, Roseboro, N. C	7	87	94	1			12	60	2	22.68	28.89	51.57
Royal's Chapel	D. W Tew, Clinton, N. C	5	25	30	1							2.00	2.00
Salemburg	A. P. Howard, Salemburg, N. C	16	365	381	1			12	205	1	35.12	30.55	65.67
Spring Branch	O. D. Strickland, Dunn, N. C	14	330	344	1			12	225	18		80.35	80.35
Union Grove	R. C. Howard, Autryville, N. C	5	60	65	1			10	59	1	2.00	16.29	18.29
White Oak	W. J Butler, Clinton, N. C	11	60	71	1			9	35	1		4.30	4.30

MINUTES

of the

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

of the

SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION

held with

Salemburg Baptist Church, November 8 and 9, 1913.

The next session will be held with Roseboro Baptist Church, the second Sunday in October, and Saturday before. First session will begin at 10 A. M. Saturday, and close with the Missionary Sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. S. A. Howard, Vice-President	Salemburg, N. C
Mrs. J. A. Cooper, Secretary	Salemburg, N. C.
Mrs. Ivey Royal, S. B. Leader	Salemburg, N. C.
Miss Augusta Williford, Y. W. A. Leader	Dunn, N. C.
Mrs. W. J. Jones,	Chairman of Annual Association Meeting

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1913.

This, the seventeenth annual meeting of our Mission Work, the fifth held at separate time and place of the Association.

Our first meeting was held at Baptist Chapel, the last at Godwin, this the third one that has been held at Salemburg, and let me add to what has been said: We are delighted to welcome you all to Salemburg again.

We rejoiced a few years ago when every church, with only one exception, had some mission organization, either of women or children, or both.

We felt our task almost complete as to organization when fifty-four societies had been organized in the thirty-one churches of our Association. But today we feel the responsibility of more than one-half of these being in either a dead or inactive state, therefore part of our unfinished task is to arouse and get to work the inactive and resurrect the dead and reorganize them.

Another unfinished task is to strive to draw all the young people and children into our mission work, reach and enlist the unenlisted women, and also to endeavor to increase the spiritual life of them all.

A few years ago when Miss Meadows (one of our women missionaries) was on her way back to China, she wrote this message back to us: "The need for prayer, your greatest need. Do we not organize, work and plan until we are so tired? But we do not pray enough." Is it not true? Let me answer, yes; for in the hurry and pressure of all our work do we not often feel we haven't time to stop to talk to God?

Can we not do all things, yes, the impossible "through Christ who strengtheneth us?"

One of the aims I have set for us for the coming Associational year (as given today): To have systematic Bible and Mission study, to pray more and work more, giving more time and money in the King's service.

I was impressed with the messages from the women from across the water to the W. M. U. held in St. Louis last May.

Just a few extracts from these messages:

"We rejoice that together we are a Night and Day Band, in this co-operative work for our Lord. While you are asleep we have tasks to do; while you work we rest."

"May God call you all to prayer and work that Christ be known quickly to the millions in this and other fields of the world."

Their prayer for us "That we be one in mind in the Lord and fill us with all fullness."

The women of China are organizing to help evangelize their nation. The Hwanghiem Society in China has thirty-five members, each one purposing to give some time every day to work for Christ. They pray every evening for each member of their society and for extension of Christ's Kingdom in China. Do we too?

Every Sunday each lays aside her first-day-of-the-week-offering—do we? In Laichnowfu they have a live society of forty members. Last year they supported a Bible woman, and some gave to other causes. So we see the women of China are catching a vision of their part in God's Kingdom. Have we, as we should? Can't we today catch some inspiration from our heathen sisters, or rather Christian sisters, of a heathen nation, to inspire us to greater things?

Our mission is not only to help save the heathen, but to help us in our own church and home life; to be more consecrated, willing and ready to do our Master's will, and to work in His service where He calls us.

Only one-fourth of the women in our Association are members of Woman's Missionary Societies. Of the 1,767 women members of the churches in our

Association only 470 are enlisted in our missionary work. Will we interest and enlist these 1,297 women not enlisted? The children are easy to reach to join Sunbeam Bands, if only we can find a leader for them. In one of our churches, where we could not find a leader for the children, a layman took charge of the Sunbeam Band and they sent a report in the church letter to the Association.

In four churches Sunbeam Bands have been organized during the Associational year: Piney Green, Hickory Grove, Elizabeth and Mount Vernon churches. Mrs. Ivey Royal, the Sunbeam leader, has the credit of the Piney Green and Hickory Grove Sunbeam Bands being reorganized, and Miss Augusta Williford, the Y. W. A. Leader, organized a Y. W. A. in Baptist Chapel Church.

For this W. M. U. year our aims	$ 500.00
The W. M. S. contributed	340.98
The Y. W. A.	60.60
The Sunbeams	65.46
Total	$ 467.04

So lacked $32.96 of reaching our W. M. U. aims.

Our Association aims at the same, $500, but we have only reported $352.81; so we missed our Associational aim by $147.19.

Now since we have missed our Associational aim let us strive to reach our aim for the W. M. U. year. For the first two quarters in W. M. U. year we have contributed $119.46, so to reach our aim we must raise and report by February 28, 1914, during the last two quarters, $380.54 in order to reach our aim.

As to the "Standard of Excellence" for Association the societies have reached the first, second, third, fourth and seventh points, so have made just the 50th grade, 100 being the maximum.

Can't we attain unto the maximum by our next annual meeting? Last spring I sent the suggested apportionment card, with the "Standard of Excellence" for the Association, to each society. Those cards are so full, and yet so quickly read, we should keep them for reference all through the year.

We held two fifth Sunday meetings, one at Piney Green in January, and the other at Clement in August, and have written 133 letters.

The following societies reported their aims for the coming year:

Salemburg W. M. S.	$ 125.00
Salemburg Sunbeams	40.00
Salemburg Y. W. A.	40.00
White Oak W. M. S.	35.00
Baptist Chapel Y. W. A.	40.00
Mount Vernon W. M. S.	10.00

The following, by letter, to our W. M. U.: White Oak W. M. S. and S. B.; Godwin W. M. S.; Antioch W. M. S.; Roseboro W. M. S.; Mount Vernon W. M. S.; Autryville W. M. S.; Elizabeth S. B.; Piney Green S. B.; Spring Branch W. M. S.; Mount Vernon W. M. S.

The reports came in after meeting, so that we raised $417.25; so lack $82.75 of our aim.

And the following by representatives to our annual meeting:

Godwin W. M. S., by Mrs. Marcia Starling and Miss Ava Olive.

White Oak W. M. S. and S. B., by Mrs. Willie Butler, Mrs. Lula Wilson and Miss Ava Butler.

Autryville, by Mrs. F. I. McKinzie and Mrs. John Autry.

Roseboro, by Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Tart, Mrs. Dr. T. P. Bullard and Mrs. J. A. Barker.

Baptist Chapel Y. W. A., by Miss Williams.
Salemburg W. M. S. by Mrs. C. S. Royal
Salemburg S. B., by Mrs. Ivey Royal.
Salemburg Y. W. A., by Miss Ester Page.
Spring Branch W. M. S., by Mrs. H. E. Alderman and Mrs. G. A. Bain.
Spring Branch Y. W. A., by Miss Augusta Williford.

There being eleven societies represented.

If each of the 1,767 women who are members of the thirty-one churches in our Association were to give just ten cents per month this coming Associational year the women would raise $2,020.40.

During the past year 470 of them only gave $306.98.

Will each woman in the Association decide to give at least ten or twenty cents each per month to missions during this year?

Let us see by our next meeting how much we can accomplish to help save a lost world.

MRS. S. A. HOWARD,
Vice-President of Woman's Work in South River Association.

REVIEW OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION IN THE PAST; A GLIMPSE OF THE PRESENT, AND POSSIBILITIES OF THE FUTURE.

In 1813, just one hundred years ago, the Baptists of America were deeply moved by Judson's call from India. At this time the North Carolina Society for Foreign Missions began.

In 1816 we find there was a Woman's Missionary Society near Fayetteville, and Hyco Female Society. This record places North Carolina woman's work among the first organized in the South. Yet they were slow to unite with the W. M. U. of Southern Baptist Convention.

From the very beginning of woman's work for missions they never relaxed their interest except for a while by the unavoidable influence of the Civil War.

But in 1871 Mrs. Graves (mother of Dr. Graves, who for fifty years was a missionary to China) organized the Baptist women of Baltimore into a society of Woman's Work for Women. This organization working also to enlist women of the South.

Mrs. Graves pleaded for the support of Bible women and this has proved to be successful.

In 1872 Mrs. Graves attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Raleigh, and as a result the Woman's Missionary Society was organized in the First Baptist Church of that city.

In 1877 the Foreign Mission Board appointed a State C. C. for foreign missions in North Carolina The first report to the Convention resulted in a contest between the friends and opponents of woman's work. Consequently for eight years this work was dropped in North Carolina, while in the other States the work went on.

In 1886, due to a plea by Dr. Theo. Whitfield, a C. C. for State, home and foreign missions was appointed, with Miss Heck president, and Mrs. W. N. Jones secretary. Since then, with these leaders, the work has gone steadily on in North Carolina.

This phase of mission work won its way only by gentle persistence, patience and faithfulness to the work assigned them.

In 1888, 25 years ago, the representatives of Woman's Work in the South met in Richmond and organized the Woman's Mission Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. Baltimore was made headquarters.

From the two-year-old C. C. of North Carolina two attended the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South, but having been instructed not to take part they sat silent while the W. M. U. of the South came into existence. Two years later North Carolina W. M. U. was given permission to fall in line and since they have kept step with the Union.

In 1892 at the Centennial year of missions, I recall how Dr. Ellis pleaded with the women at the Convention in Raleigh, and the result was they sacrificed and gave as they never gave before. One answer to that plea was a gift of $100 by Miss Heck, President of W. M. U. of both North Carolina and of the South.

The largest gift which has been received by the Union was from Mrs. Chambers, of New York, $10,000 for the Margaret Home.

The W. M. U. has also charge of the Training School at Louisville, Ky.

While the women of the South have given largely of their money, their increased consecration and spiritual growth has far exceeded all money considerations.

But a review of the past would not be complete without the story of the sacrifices of those women who have labored at home and in the foreign lands. Thus in the record of twenty-five years of service at home three names stand out above them all: Miss Heck, President for thirteen years; Miss Armstrong, Secretary for eighteen years, and Miss Bulhmaier, at the Baltimore Immigrant Pier, coping with the immigrant problems.

In foreign fields Miss Moon, Miss Price, Miss Meadows, Miss Hartwell and a host of others whose names could not be given now.

Thus have we had glimpses of the numerous difficulties and the great progress in the past. Now let us get a glimpse of the present. The story of the twenty-five years of the Woman's Missionary Union stirs our hearts with thankfulness.

During this, our Jubilate year, we rejoice over a glorious past. Yet as we are rejoicing over past achievements let us not take ease, but seeing the needs, let us rejoice that we can be co-workers with God.

From the foundation of the W. M. U. our motto stands out above all others, "Workers together with God."

In the sixteen States of the Southern Baptist Convention the women unite as one in carrying out the recommendations of the Foreign, Home and Sunday School Boards.

At the St. Louis W. M. U. the call was made or sounded to study the mission work of Southern Baptist women, to spiritual growth, to organize for personal service, and to increase gifts to home and foreign missions.

The W. M. U. of the South supports the 156 women missionaries on the foreign fields. The "Standard of Excellence" by which each society is tested and personal service as a definite feature of work has been adopted by the Union. The watch-word is "Serve Jehovah with gladness."

In the Southern Baptist Convention territory are 11,000 societies, whose aim for this year is $315,000.

Yet of the one million women in the Southern Baptist Convention only one-tenth of them are enlisted in the W. M. U. work.

The immediate task set before the W. M. U. last year was to enlist all the unenlisted women and all young people in our mission work. As a result 873 Junior societies were organized.

Our present unfinished task is to enlist these nine-tenths in the King's service. Also all the young people and children and thereby help to take the world for Christ. While the note has been sounded from mountain to sea, yet all have not heeded its call.

In North Carolina's 1,000 societies our aims for this year are as follows: Financial aim, $42,000, also a Jubilate gift of $60,000, payable in three years (for Judson Centennial fund and church building loan fund is a call to the women, too). Organization of 105 societies; a Jubilate in one-half of the societies; three times number of subscribers to "Our Mission Fields;" reports from every society every quarter. Motto, "Progress."

The W. M. U. held in St. Louis and also the one held in Raleigh last spring were both great meetings.

One stormy day during the W. M. U. held in Raleigh the church was packed full of women, eager not to miss a bit of that interesting meeting, and the scene of that army of women reached all the way from the First Baptist Church to the entrance at Meredith College, a solid block of them, was very impressive.

With what sacrifices, prayers, tears, wisdom and lives has our W. M. U. organization been planted and tended. Yet all the hopes, anticipations and visions have not been fully realized.

From the close of these twenty-five years of work who can prophecy what possibilities and opportunities await the women of the South before we shall have reached our Jubilee twenty-five years hence?

Let us prophecy that women and children will grow hungry for mission knowledge and will study missions eagerly as a charming story; will put as much importance on attending their mission meetings as now on Sunday School attendance. Who will help to make the history of the next twenty-five years? You and I and all the women and children. The conditions then depend on what we do now. What shall it be?

"God has His highest things in life for the few who dare to stand the test,
He wants in this short life of ours just as much as may be pressed.
Of service true to God and man—help us, Lord, to be our best."

Wise men of long ago followed a star which led them to Christ—today wise women may follow a star which will lead others to Christ, as their Saviour and King.

Let us draw near to Him so we may be "vessels fit for the Master's use."

With such a past for our encouragement, such a present for our service, such a future to inspire us, with such a God to lead us, no one dare prophecy how large will be our record at the close of the next twenty-five years.

It is ours to shape today to high and holy uses, and trust to God to make each day that follows nobler than the last.

MRS. S. A. HOWARD.

REPORT OF MEETING.

On Saturday morning, November 8th, the fifth separate annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South River Association met at Salemburg. Mrs. W. J. Jones, of Salemburg, occupied the chair.

The meeting began with devotional exercises. Mr. J. B. Newton led the prayer. A roll call of the churches showed that only a few societies were represented.

Miss Alma Edwards, a member of the faculty of Pineland School, gave in a charming manner the address of welcome in behalf of the school and village, Mrs. Jones, in behalf of the church. Mrs. Willie Butler, of White Oak, responded.

Mrs. S. A. Howard, our faithful vice-president, gave a report of the general work done during the year in the Association.

Miss Flora White, another member of the Pineland School faculty, added much to the meeting by giving a splendid and helpful paper on mothers.

We were much interested in the review of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South and North Carolina, and a glimpse of the present and a prophecy of the possibilities of the future given by Mrs. S. A. Howard.

The noon hour having arrived, we were dismissed with a short prayer led by Mrs. McKenzie, of Autryville.

Promptly at 1:30 the afternoon session began. Mrs. Barker, of Roseboro, led the devotional exercises.

The afternoon programme was full of good things. Mrs. W. G. Duncan, of Fayetteville, spoke on the Jubilate and emphasized the need of our doing our part during this, the Jubilate year.

We were all glad when our much-loved State Secretary, Miss Barrus, of Raleigh, came to the floor. Much interest and spirit was added to the meeting by her strong and helpful talk. She made a plea for the training of the children as future workers, for more personal service and more prayer in our own lives.

The opportunities which are ours and the needs of our State and the South were strongly presented by Mrs. C. S. Royal, of Salemburg.

Foreign mission fundamentals was ably and interestingly presented by Mrs. Dr. T. P. Bullard, of Roseboro.

Roseboro was chosen as the next place of meeting. The time of meeting was changed to the second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1914.

The same officers were re-elected.

Specially prepared music was given throughout the meeting.

On Saturday evening the Y. W. A. girls and Sunbeams of Salemburg gave a delightful programme.

Sunday morning Mr. S. A. Howard and Rev. J. B. Newton told us something of the Laymen's Movement and the plans for this Association.

At 11 o'clock the beloved pastor of Salemburg, Rev. W. J. Jones, preached the missionary sermon, which marked the close of a very good Union and of another year in our work.

MRS. J. A. COOPER, Secretary.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Societies.	President and Postoffice.	Number of members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Training School.	Sunday School Missions.	Associational Missions.	Other Objects.	Total.
Autryville	Mrs. John L. Autry, Autryville, N. C.	8	$ 3.00	$ 5.85	$ 3.00	$	$	$	$	$ 11.85
Baptist Chapel	Mrs. Laura Royal, Cooper, N. C., R. F. D.									3.95
Center	Mrs. Laura V. Royal, Wade, N. C.									
Concord	Miss Ida Jackson, Autryville, N. C.									
Clement	Miss Bessie Williams, Wade, N. C., R. F. D.	20	4.00		1.50				4.71	10.21
Corinth	Miss Mattie Royal, Clinton, N. C., R F. D.									
Antioch	Miss Eugenia Strickland			2.00	1.95					3.95
Elizabeth	Mrs. R. E. Hobbs, Roseboro, N. C., R. F. D.									
Godwin	Mrs. Mary Cook, Godwin, N. C.	12	1.00	3.25	2.25				7.75	14.25
Hickory Grove	Mrs J. H. Warren, Huntley, N. C.									
Long Branch	Mrs. Berta Hall, Autryville, N. C., R. F. D.									
Macedonia	Miss Janie Hall, Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D.									
Mount Elim	Miss Duella Jackson, Cooper, N. C., R F. D.									
Mount Vernon	Mrs. J. E. Britt, Moltonville, N. C.		2.00	2.00	2.50				.10	6.50
Roseboro	Mrs. J. A. Barker, Roseboro, N. C.	23	5.00	9.58	5.00	5.00				24.58
Salemburg	Mrs. C. S. Royal, Salemburg, N C.	27	25.00	61.04	10.00	5.00			3.00	104.04
Spring Branch	Mrs. A. E. Alderman, Dunn, N. C.		26.25	23.45	34.85	3.15		1.20	7.75	96.65
White Oak	Mrs. Willie Butler, Clinton, N. C.	11	5.50	20.70	3.80				1.00	35.00
Total W. M. S.										$ 306.98

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES.

Societies.	President and Postoffice.	Number of members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Training School.	Sunday School Missions.	Associational Missions.	Other Objects.	Total.
Spring Branch	Miss Augusta Williford, Dunn, N. C.		$ 4.75	$14.25	$ 6.00	$ 1.85	$ 1.20	$	$	$ 28.05
Baptist Chapel	Miss Penny Williams, Cooper, N. C , R. F. D.	30		5.18					17.50	22.68
Salemburg	Miss Mary Bell Royal, Salemburg, N. C.	10	7.30	7.30	9.70					34.30

SUNBEAM SOCIETIES.

Societies.	President and Postoffice.	Number of members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Training School.	Sunday School Missions.	Associational Missions.	Other Objects.	Total.
Salemburg	Mrs. Virginia Royal, Salemburg, N. C.	76	14.28	13.83	5.17					33.28
White Oak		15	.23	1.10						1.33
Spring Branch	Mrs. W. S. Strickland, Dunn, N. C.			2.43						2.43
Piney Green									2.75	2.75
Total Sunbeam Societies										127.82
Total W. M. Societies										306.98
Grand total for the W. M. S., Y. W. A. and Sunbeam Societies										$ 519.83

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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

PINEY GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

October 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1914

OFFICERS

S. A. Howard, Moderator	Salemburg, N. C.
A. E. Royal, Clerk	Salemburg, N. C.
R. N. Butler, Treasurer	Salemburg, N. C.

NEXT MEETING

Time: November 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1915. Place: White Oak, nearest railroad station Clinton, N. C. Rev. J. O. Tew, Introductory Sermon. Rev. C. D. Peterson, Missionary Sermon.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
J. B. Newton	Salemburg, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	R.F.D. Dunn, N.C.
D. W. Tew	R. F. D. 5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt	R. F. D. 5, Clinton, N. C.
J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
H. S. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.
J. E. Dupree	Roseboro, N. C.
R. W. Bass	Clinton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

E. T. Turlington, Chairman	Salemburg, N. C.
S. A. Howard, Assistant Chairman	Salemburg, N. C.
H. G. Sessom, Secretary	Huntley, N. C.
C. M. Hall, Treasurer	Orange, N. C.
G. W. Starling	Godwin, N. C.
S. L. Jackson	Dunn, N. C.
J. H. Warren	Huntley, N. C.

PROGRAM FOR ASSOCIATION

November 16th, 17th, 18th, 1915.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon.
12:00 m.—Organization

Afternoon Session

2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business
2:15 p. m.—Biblical Recorder.
2:45 p. m.—Ministerial Relief.
3:15 p. m.—Temperance.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m.—State and Associational Missions.
10:30 a. m.—Baptist Education.
10:45 a. m.—Woman's Work.
11:30 a. m.—Missionary Sermon.

Afternoon Session

2:00 p. m,—General Business and Reports of Committees.
2:15 p. m.—Home and Foreign Missions.
2:45 p. m.—Orphanage.
3:30 p. m.—Obituaries.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:00 a. m —Sunday Schools.
11:00 a m.- Layman's Movement.
11:30 a. m.—Literature,
12:00 m.—Miscellaneous and Adjournment.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS

Moneys collected during the year for Missions, Ministerial Relief Ministerial Education, may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., that for Orphanage to Orphanage treasurer, Thomasville, N. C. or may be sent along with Associational Missions money to the Unions, or to the Association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS

Piney Green Baptist church Oct. 21st 1914.

The South River Baptist association met in its Thirty-Eighth Annual Session at this church, according to invitation and appointment at 11 A. M. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. J. Jones. Text Luke 5-4.

12 M. organization.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: S. A. Howard, Moderator; A. E. Royal, Clerk; R. N. Butler, Treasurer.

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 P. M. Association convened Bro. W. M. Green conducted devotional exercises.

The Moderator appoined committees as follows:

Reading Clerks—C. H. McLamb and J. E. Dupree.

Finance committee—Mrs. W. J. Jones, E. L. Gavin and G. M. Bass.

Ordained ministers present: W. J. Jones, D. W. Tew, J. O. Tew, M. W Naylor, R. Honeycutt, J. E. Dupree, H. J. Duncan, J. B. Newton and C. T. Peterson.

Ordained deacons present: R. N. Butler, J. E. Strickland, C. H. McLamb, J. A. Royal, G. W. Starling, Autry Baggett, C. M. Tew, R. L. Hall, C. E. Daniel, Randall Williamson, Ira Baggett, E. A. Jackson and G. M. Bass.

The entire executive Board present, Visiting Brethren: Bro. W. M. Green representing the Biblical Recorder; F. B. Hamrick representing the Orphanage.

List of churches called and twenty-two churches responded, on motion and carried reading church letters coming in after to-day be dispensed with.

Call for petitionary letters and one responded, Mints Baptist church, Mints N. C.

Committee appointed to nominate Executive Board, M. W. Naylor, W. J. Jones and D. W. Tew.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder is eighty years old and the history is largely contained in that of our denomination in North Carolina. It has been so closely associated with every object of our convention, that a history of one would be the history of the other. It has been a loyal supporter of every great achievement made by the Baptists in our State, and never in the past has it been more efficient than it is to-day. We are fortunate indeed in having for our editor, Rev. H. C. Moore, whom Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Texas declares is one of the ablest and best editors in the South. As its name implies it is distinctively Biblical and stands for the great doctrine of salvation as taught in the Bible. We need the Recorder in our homes, because it brings us each week information about the work of our denomination, gives us impulses for good, adds interests and enthusiasm to our religious life, sets up the Christian ideal in the home, helps in the development of the local church and unites us as a denomination. It is the Pastor's assistant and goes into the homes each week and stands for the same things the Pastors stand for and has for its aim the ultimate Evangelization of the whole world. The committee urges the Pastors of this association to help extend its circulation within its borders.

Respectfully submitted,
J, O. TEW.

Report adopted.

Discussed by W. M, Green and J, E, Dupree.

Report of committee to nominate Executive Board recommend as follows: E. T. Turlington, Chirman, S. A; Howard assistant chairman, H. G. Sessom, Secretary, C. M, Hall, Treasurer, G. W. Starting, S. L. Jackson, J, H. Warren.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. Naylor,
W. J. Jones,
D. W, Tew.
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Dear Brethren, the object of this is to afford aid and relief to old Baptist Ministers who have become dependent upon the charity of the church. They have sacrificed their lives for the gospel's sake. And now Brethren there is no object that has stronger claim upon us. I have learned verbally this year they have suffered in a measure for want of aid on our part, this ought not so to be. We urge that each church make two liberal offerings each year to this object from church and from Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Honeycutt.

Report adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Baptists as a people have cause to feel thankful, for the rapid progress of the temperance cause, a cause for which Baptists as a denomination have always stood. In our own State our prohibition laws are being more rigidly enforced than ever before and the beneficial results of such enforcement are being felt in every community but there is another phase of intemperance which demands the active cooporation of Christian people for its suppression, this phase to which I refer is the cider and wine evil which is demoralizing the young men and some older ones in many communities and that we are leaders in the cause of temperance heretofore and may maintain our leadership. Seeing the great sin thereof, therefore be it resolved first, that we place ourselves on record as opposed to this evil and pledge our efforts and influence as a denomination for its suppression in the territory of the South River association, resolve second that the next Legislature be requested to enact such laws as will put an end to this evil.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. SESSOM.

Report adopted:

Discussed by F. B. Hamrick, J. E. Dupree and on motion the association appoint a committee to confer with the next Legislature on the temperance question and unamimously carried; adjourned until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. W. Naylor.

Minute of first day proceedings was read, corrected and approved.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Dear Brethren, the Orphanage is a great and grand institution to report on, to great for me. We see in the year 1885 this institution was established with a very small beginning and from that day it has grown little by little as God has moved his people by his Spirit through free will offerings until it is now a great institution now numbering 478 children, 14 cottages, taking over $38,000 to feed and clothe the children and to support those in charge the yearly support comes by free will offerings. Seeing this O! how our hearts should be moved, as Baptists to give more to the cause. It is my will that all I have be given as a perpetual fund, to feed, clothe and educate orphans at Thomasville at my death, and the death of my wife none being used but the interest. The Orphanage has grown in value until the present value is $280,000, and in all of the history of the Orphanage it seems to be the most prosperous under the present manager, M. L. Kesler. May God bless Bro. Kesler and all those that are aiding him in this great work. May God move us on and on until we shall come up to our whole duty, that the welcome plaud given in Mathew 25; 34th, 34th and 36th verses be said to us.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. DAWSON,

Read by J. E. Dupree. Discussed by J. E. Dupree, F. B. Hamrick the report be amended by a resolution recommended by the South River Union at Spring Branch church to this session of the association read by Bro. C. M. Hall that the South River Association support two more orphan children from this section at the Orphanage on motion and carried the report with the amendment to be adopted.

On motion and carried report on Foreign Mission be taken up.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

It is written in Acts 1-8, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the utmost parts of the earth and when he had spoken these things, which they beheld, he was taken up and a cloud received him out of their sight. Mathew 28; 18:20, Go ye therefore and make Christians or diciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Romans 10-12, For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is rich unto all that call upon him. Now read verses 14 and 15 and see how important to give the gospel to the lost. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent.

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. TEW.

Report adopted:

11:30 A. M. Missionary Sermon by Rev. D. W. Herring missionary from China. Text Haggai, 2-7. The desires of all nation shall come. Collection then taken amounting to $10.12. Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30 P. M. Dismissed by Rev. D. W. Herring.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

Convened at 1:30 P. M.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Covention: C. M. Hall, J. E. Cooper, H. J. Duncan. To the Baptist State Convention: E. T. Turlington, Harvey Simpson and W. R. McKenzie. To locate and select preacher for the next session of the association: D. M. Williford, W. J. Butler and H. G. Sessom. To nominate members to the State Mission Board: J O. Tew, M. W. Naylor and G. W. Starling, committee on program the next session of the association: J. E. Dupree, W. J. Jones and J. B. Newton.

Lists of letters called for and eight responded. The letter from Canaan was read asking for a letter to join with the Johnson County Association. Letters from Jordan Chapel and Manlier Chapel churches were read asking for letters to unite with the Neuse-Atlantic Association and referred to the executive board. Report of committee to select one member of the Executive Board in place of Bro, R. L. Hall who resigned and recommended Bro. H. G. Sessom.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. JONES,
M. W. NAYLOR,
D. W. TEW,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The heathen are beginning to realize as never before that heathenism has no power to lift their burdens but one to render them heavier. Those living in Catholic countries are tired of the yoke of despotism upon their necks by Rome. The people of these nations are turning their eyes toward America as their only hope. They have heard of religious liberty and of the advantages offered the immigrants in the United States. And in their helplessness they turn to us for the solution of the problems that are unsolvable, under the conditions existing in the land of their birth. Those landing at Ellis Island or other places on our shores are not disiinctively bad men and women, they come with the best of intentions. The majority of them have no feeling of antagonism toward our American institutions or toward our religion system andit is their intentention to become loyal American citizens. They are simple, uneducated people and ready to assimilate provided the proper influence is brought to bear upon them. We failed to take the gospel to them, God is bringing them and putting them at our doors. The question now has ceased to become simply of obedience to Christ; but to that has been added another question. We must Christianize them or they pagonize us.

In this country of ninety four million people, only twenty one million are members of any evangelistic church. Conditions in the South are better than in the North. Here out of thirty one million eleven million are members of evangelical churches. Our religious problems are multiplying with the opening of the Panama Canal, with the population speaking fifty differant languages is a new challenge to the Southland.

Three hundred thousand Mexicans in Texas, half the population of Tampa, unable to speak and read the English language. Indians, Germans, Turks, Russians, Japanese, chinese and people of every nation and tongue are at our doors. The State Board has asked the Home Board to handle the situation. The Board can not carry on its work in Cuba Panama, among the foreigners and certain of our own nation, and have its work of church-building, enlistment and evangelism without the support of the denomination. It craves our personal sympathy of our financial support. It has been said with the wealth of Southern Baptist increasing at the rate of two million a month, we may be in danger of becoming petrified by prosperity. The Home Board apportionment for the whole South this year is $431,750 or for North Carolina $37,500

We would recommend that the churches of the South River Association put forth their strongest effort to raise our apportionment during the next year. That our churches give systematically. That our pastors keep their congregation informed concerning the work, That earnest prayer for missions be made in all churches. That members of the churches be urged to subscribe for and read the Home Field and that they make liberal use of the splendid home mission tracts which are free on application.

Respectfully submitted,
H. F. DUNCAN.

Discussed by J. A. Campbell.

Report adopted.

Committee appointed to confer with the next Legislature on the Temperance question are as follow: W. J. Jones, J. E. Dupree and C. D. Peterson, Auditing committee are, V· T. Baggett, M. W. Naylor and C. H. McLamb.

On motion and carried the South River Association use their annual association to express to the women of their association that we will do all in our power to strengthen and encourage them in their great work.

REPORT ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION.

The purpose of State missions is to get a live wide awake well organized working Baptist Church in every community in North Carolina. Much of our State is supplied with the churches, but so many of them are lacking in many respects. We want to find out what is wanting and supply the need as far as we can. There are several counties in eastern Carolina, that have but little Baptist preaching. One of our tasks is to give the gospel of Christ and the New Testamet churches to these people. State Missions is the foundation work of all the objects we stand for. Three things we recommend. Co-operation with our State Board; grouping of churches and fields and reports on state of churches. $55,000 aim this year for North Carolina.

J. B. Newton,
Committee-

Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We the Executive Board of the South River Association make the following report.

Financial Report.

By balance on hand from 1913	$ 426 33
By amount received from missions	128.57
Total	$ 555.00

Disbursements.

To amount paid B. F. Deloth	$ 99.16	
To amount paid J. W. Cobb	75.00	
To amount paid G. A. Bain	13.33	
To amount paid J. E. Dupree	54.15	
To amount paid Lonie Sasser	26.26	
To amount paid C. D. Peterson	17.50	
To amount paid Postage	50 —	285.90
Balance on hand		$ 269.10

During the year we have assisted the following churches, Mt. Vernon, Parkersburg, Pleasaut Union, Godwin, Manlier Chapel, Royals Chapel and Browns. The field is white unto harvest and there is much more to be done. The Board thanks each church for its liberal support during the year. Several have been added to our mission churches.

Respectfully submitted,
EXECUTIVE BOARD,
C. M. HALL, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Christ's first message after his resurrection was to a woman. Twenty eight years ago women of the Southern Baptists organized in mission work. Twenty five years ago the women of North Carolina organized. Eighteen years ago women of ihe South River Afsociation began their mission work . During these 18 years we have 54 missionary organizations at work now. Only 15 of them doing active work, at least only 15 have reported during the past year contributions for missions. All of these 15 reported at our annual meeting held at Roseboro, 9 by representation and 6 by reports and letters. We failed to reach our aim of $500 for the past year. Therefore, we aim for the coming year $400. We feel the need of the help and co-operation of all the pastors and laymen of all our churches. Therefore, we passed the motion in our meeting to send a request to the associational meeting asking for the co-operation, help, and sympathy of every pastor and church in advancing our mission work, will you help us?

It was under the inspiration and call for missions that our mission work came into existence. In prayer, spirit and devotion will we keep it for the purpose which called it into existence, compassion for lost souls. What did God command in Deut. 11-9, how important to make Christians of all mothers as the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Do we realize in heathen lands being Christians for the sake of their homes and children, as for themselves we dare not go to heaven without these lost sisters. Will we women have a part in helping to save them? Years ago we stated if the 1767 women in the association would only give 10 cents per month each, during the past associational year to missions we would have given more than $2,000 to missions. Will each woman give at least that much to missions during the coming year? Christ gave for us how much $.2½ a week? No he gave his life What will we give? Will we give $.2½ a week? If we do, it will be much more than we gave the past year. The spirit of missions is Sacrifice and Service, having desire to give the gospel to every Christian soul, born of gratitude and love to Christ for our salvation. Are we willing to make the sacrifice, to work, to give and to pray that souls may be saved? Have a personal service committee in the W. M. S. Appoint a standing committee for the year to secure subscriptions for the Biblical Recorder, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, Royal Service, CHARITY AND CHILDREN especially and Kind Words.

Respectfully submittde,
MRS. S. A. HOWARD.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

During the past year, the Lord has called many true and loyal friends and workers to be with him. We trust their crosses have been for crowns and their gethsemane experience to joys eternal. We give here the names of a few we have been able to get. From Spring Branch: A. W. Ban, Estella Phillipps, T. D. Bass, D. H. Dixon, Pennie Ban, Linnie Strickland, Emily West, Ella Hawley; from Salemburg, Jacob C. Howard, A. F. Howard, Whitney Royal, A. E. Underwood; Roseboro, E. S. Herring. These men and women whom we have known and loved have done their part and gone to their reward, leaving the work of the Lord with us. Let us all strive to do our part well, so that the Lord may triumph through us gloriously. May the Lord bless and keep all the bereaved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. Naylor.

Report adopted.

Report of committee to nominate members to the State Mission Board recommend J. E. Dupree. The report was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

Adjourned until 9:30 a. m. Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Association convened 9:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by D. W. Tew. The minutes of the previous day proceedings were read and approved.

Report of Committe to nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention recommend C. M. Hall, D. M. Williford and P. A. Canady.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Report of committee to locate and select preachers for the next session of the association to be held with White Oak Baptist church and, J. O. Tew to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. C. D. Peterson to preach the Missionary sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Report of the committee to select a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention recommend S. A. Howard.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We must admit that our Sunday Schools have done more in teaching God's word than any other organization. More than 80 per cent of all the church members has been reached through the Sunday Schools. It has been said by the Roman Catholic denomination give me a child until he is 12 years old, then you may have him; meaning they would instill into that child's mind their belief which would go with him through life. The same might be said of the man who sits on the street corners in our towns, and out in the buggies at our country churches, and have a crowd of young boys with them during Sunday School hours.

Give me a boy until he is 15 years old, then you may have him. According to Mr. Middleton's figures there are 270,000 boys in North Carolina that are not old enough to go to Sunday School but getting old enough at the rate of about 65,000 a year. Nearly half of all the church members are Baptists and this puts half of the responsibility on us. Furthermore there are about 1,000,000 other people old enough who do not attend any Sunday School. We are under obligation to try to reach half of these. Will we meet our obligation?

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. TURLINGTON.

Discussed by R. N. Butler, D. W. Tew, W. J. Jones, J. E. Dupree and J. A. Turlington.

A resolution was offered in connection with the above report: That we, the members of the South River association, do ask that each church make ready for the best Sunday School teaching by preparing rooms for class work to the extent of their means.

The report with the resolution was adopted.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

The aim of the Laymen's Movement is to enlist and develop our membership. In order to do this we are organizing our men throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. A committee of that convention is pressing the business of organization in the several states. Each State Convention has its committee to secure such organizations in the several associations. Each association is asked to appoint a committee among its regular committees whose business it shall be to look after the interest of our convention and report annually to the association with such recommendations as may seem best. Efforts are being made to get the attention and co-operation of our men in our religious work. It is estimated that scarcely more than one third of our membership are contributing to the support of missions. In order to remedy this situation we are urging each church to make every year an every-member canvass of its membership and secure from each a contribution not only for church expenses but for missions as well. The tithe is a minimum standard of giving and has been continued with pleasure wherever once adopted. Such a movement as this must be based on intelligence, for men to be interested in mission they must know missions. For this reason we urge pastors and laymen to plan for such study. In villages and cities the arrangement that has given best results is to have a monthly missionary meeting at the hour of the weekly prayer meeting.

Preferably the meeting should be in charge of a committee of Laymen; the text book should be agreed on and the chapter assigned for duty; one to three minute answers should be given by different ones on questions distributed in advance. In rural communities the same arrangement can be used except that it might be better to use a Sunday School of adults once a month for this purpose on the regular preaching Sunday in order that the class may have the inspiration of the presence of the pastor. An active B. Y. P. U. will do much for the young people in studying missions. An appeal is made to business men to give of their time as well as of their means to the work of the Lord. A man who can manage a school, farm, store, mill, law practice or a medical practice, has capacity for organization that is needed in the enterprises of the Kingdom. Let us keep the biblical order as given in 2nd Cor. 8:5, "first give their own selves to the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. HOWARD.

Discussed by W. J. Jones, C. M. Hall, J. E. Dupree. On motion that Brethren S. A. Howard, C. M. Hall and S. L. Jackson be a committee and report to the next session of the association the progress.

Unanimously carried.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON LITERATURE

When a political party or a great reform wishes to impress itself speedily and effectively upon a people the first thing they do is to scatter literature far and wide. The Catholics can have no better grasp on the people than it does in the possession of the associated press. Rarely one sees anything in our papers antagonistic to the Catholic church. To know a people's literature is to know what they are thinking and what they are. We would recommend that every Baptist family first of all read the Bible. The children should be shown the great address powers and prayers contained in this Book. They should read it aloud around the fireside and thereby regain the lost art of beautiful Bible readings.

The Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children and at least one Journal on Missions should be in every Baptist home. They are valuable for an education steadfast and a necessity if we would be intelligent members of the church. Heads of families should be very careful to destroy all literature coming to their homes setting forth strange doctrines and making statements that are not biblical. We would advise against the reading of crimes and sensational books. These influence the passion and weaken the mind.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. J. JONES.

Discussed by J. B. Newton, and J. E. Dupree.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

In 1835 the Baptists of North Carolina realized as never before that they were not only Christians but Christian soldiers. That in order to stand in the thickest of the fight against the power of sin and also to cope with their brethren of other denominations it was imperatively important that they become both equipped to fight and to command the respect of the best educated. To meet this great need and to lead us on to still greater hights of achievements and glory as a denomination, Wake Forest college came forth as one borne in due time, Soon her class rooms were filled with young men who had caught the vision and who were willing to pay the price in order that they might become fitted for the cause that lay on their hearts. From the very start Wake Forest has sent out men who have succeeded in putting down sin in high places, who have borne the torchlight of true education, have been second to none in debate and oratory and are acknowledged by all as among the greatest in both pulpit and pew. The Louisville Seminary is and has been for years the greatest Seminary on earth. It is the greatest fountain head to which our young ministers go for both intellectual and spiritual power. It is our own. All Southern Baptists who have hearts and heads are grateful for this wonderful institution. As time rolled on and our brethren gave themselves more completely to the great task set before them, a Solomon appeared in their midst and more than doubled their strength. He showed the great wisdom in bringing forth schools and colleges for our young women. While Wake Forest has done a great work for our young men yet the opportunity in training men does not equal that of training women. Meredith and our other institutions for women have their heads on eternal things. They are guiding our denominational destiny. They can speak the word and our children will grow up to build christian homes to bless communities with higher ideals to make of us a great people and to march us before the great King in robes of white. They can defeat all our plans and purposes. May God give us good and wise men to stand to their heads.

We have a system of fourteen denominational high schools and some others owned by private parties that are under denominational control. These schools have enrolled between three and four hundred students this year. In them we have preparations for all christian activities. Such organizations as the B. Y. P. U. are doing most excellent work in practically all our schools. Several hundred students are taking the Sunday School normal training course. The Womans training school at Louisville is doing a work that is being felt throughout the entire country. As christian people let us realize the importance of placing our children under their influence that their immortal souls may be safe.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. JONES.

Report adopted.

Report of Executive Board in regard to granting letters to Jordan's Chapel and Manley's Chapel to unite with the Neuse Atlantic Association and the churches mentioned be granted letters as requested. was discussed by C. M. Hall and a resolution by W. J. Jones to forgive these churches of their prodigality.

Report adopted.

On motion and carried Canaan Baptist church be granted a letter of dismission to unite with the Johnson County association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Oct. 22, 1913, to Oct. 21, 1914

Receipts received from all sources, $750.14.

Disbursements

To A. E. Royal, minutes	$46 00
To Orphanage	83 28
To Treasurer, S. B. C.	354 96
To C. M. Hall, Associational Missions	251 15
To Rev. W. M. Page, Ministerial Relief	14 75
Total	750 14

Respectfully submitted,
R. N. Butler, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

V. T. Baggitt and C. H. McLamb auditing committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes and Clerk	$36 84
Associational Missions	46 25
State Missions	74 55
Home Missions	29 01
Foreign Missions	79 11
Orphanage	13 05
Ministerial Relief	16 20
Ministerial Education	7 67
S. S. Missions	6 05
Wake Forest Church	5 00
Parkersburg Church	6 25
Total	$319 98

We your finance committee beg leave to report the above amounts as having been sent to this association with the church letters received into the hands of the Finance Committee and paid over to your Treasurer, E. L. Gavin. G. M. Bass and Mrs. W. J. Jones, committee. Audited and found correct. C. H. McLamb and V. T. Baggitt auditing committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

1914 Session

State Missions—J. E. Dupree.
Associational Missions—C. M. Hall.
Home Missions—J. O. Tew.
Foreign Missions—W. J. Jones.
Ministerial Relief—J. B. Newton.
Baptist Education—D. W. Tew.
Orphanage—H. J. Duncan

Sunday Schools—A. P. Howard.
Laymen's Movement—S. L. Jackson.
Temperance—M. W. Naylor.
Womans Work—S. A. Howard.
Recorder—J. A Turlington.
Baptist Literature—H. G. Sessoms.
Obituaries—Redin Honeycutt

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. NEWTON,
J. E. DUPREE,
W. J. JONES,
Committee.

Report adopted.

On motion the Treasurer of the association pay to the Clerk the deficency in the amount necessary to meet the expenses of the minutes and Clerk fee.

Unanimously carried.

On motion and carried that the pledges for the various churches for this year be the same ratio as 1914.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Because of the cordial hospitality and fellowship of the Piney Green church and community given to the South River association, we, the members of this body desire to express our deep appreciation and offer our thanks.

Report from the union of the South River Association which met at Spring Branch at its last meeting voted a desire for the association to unite with the State Board and that the association vote on at the Oct. session.

Report adopted.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in a case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, nd to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Tuesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Woman's Missionary Union

OF THE

South River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

ROSEBORO BAPTIST CHURCH
October 17th-18th, 1914

Next meeting.
Time - Oct. 16-17-1915

OFFICERS

~~Mrs. S. J. Fai[illegible]~~ .... President
Mrs. S. A. Howard .... Vice-President
Miss ~~Mary Pa[illegible]~~ Bertha Newton .... Sec. ~~Pro Tem~~
" Pearl Howard Y. W. A. Leader
Mrs Ivey Royal S. B. Leader
" A. J. [illegible] Chairman

REPORT ON MISSION WORK IN THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION

We met today in the 18th annual association meeting. The 6th held at separate time than at the Association.

This is the first time we have met with the Roseboro church and people. We are so glad to be with you at Roseboro this year. While we regret with you for not having the privilege of meeting with you in your new church, however, it is not the house but the spirit of the meeting that will mean success and the joy of having the presence of His Spirit with us today.

As the advance of our mission work depends in a large measure on the work of the Associational Vice President, therefore, I feel deeply grieved wherein we have failed during the year.

The following is the policy of the Vice President, set by the W. M. U. of N· C.

In order to use every means to more effectively carry on the work, we have a definite policy as an aid to larger results in our Associational work for the Vice Presidents to follow:

1. That we seek to have representatives from at least two-thirds of the societies at our Associational meetings.
2. That we decide on a definite Associational monied aim.
3. That we have plans for organizing new societies.
4. That an Executive Committee be appointed to assist the Vice President.
5. That a report of Woman's Work be presented and discussed at the Associational meetings.
6. That Woman's Work be a topic for discussion at the 5th Sunday Unions.
7. That a copy of the minutes of our meeting be sent to each pastor in our Association.
8. We urge an increase in gifts to missions.
9. Quarterly letters and visits to each society.
10. That the Vice President set an example for giving one-tenth of their income to missions and church work.
11. That we use our influence to have stated times for contributions to each mission object. Weekly if possible. More responsibility placed this year on the Vice President than ever before.
12. Sending with quarterly letters also send report blanks.
13. To hold jublilate meetings with societies.
14. Organization of mission study classes. What the purpose and aim? To gain new members. A jubilate gift.

Keeping the aim before the societies.

Missionary magazine campaign.

Standard of excellence for societies and association.

A personal service committee for each community.

It has not been possible for me to do all herein involved during the past year. I determined at the beginning of the year that I would visit all the societies during the year if possible. I made a beginning by visiting the Mt. Vernon W. M. S. and Sunbeams last November and held a meeting with them during the Union the 5th Sunday of last November.

We had a good meeting and five societies were represented at that meeting and visitors from three societies of the Eastern Association. Then we wrote to all societies in regard to the Christmas Offering in December, and Week of Prayer in January. In addition to Mt. Vernons' two societies, I only visited five other societies during the year: Roseboro, White Oak, and the three of Salemburg.

Beginning with the first day of January I was either sick or some member of my family, till late in April. The first part of the summer I was away at Ridgecrest. However, while there I had the privilege of attending the Woman's Missionary meetings every afternoon, as they hold their meetings weekly. And hailed members during the summer from North, South, East and West, yes—from not only all parts of North Carolina but from Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Louisiana.

With the coming of September came the time to begin to plan for the Woman's Associational meeting. We planned with each society to send a messenger to our meeting.

We had all of the 15 societies to report here today either by represensative or by reports. How glad we would have been to have all of the 54 societies organized during the past 18 years to have been represented here today.

Since we have not had a lady missionary in the field, many of them have dropped work—yes 39 societies are not at work now, Will they enlist again in our work for the Master? Who is to blame for their inactive condition? Are the pastors? Are the societies? Are the leaders? Or am I? Let us resolve to do more.

If what was said of the Woman's meeting held in Hendersonville could be said of our meeting here today that "the seriousness of those women was awe-inspiring, and that the greatest power of that meeting was the tremendrous spiritual power and their efficiency.

Mrs. S. A. Howard, Vice President.

WOMAN'S PART IN MISSIONS

The women of our south land stand upon the threshold of a new era.

Over 2,000,000 women and children in China alone are struggling to take hold of the life of American women. What life will we hold up to them and to all the world? O, what a privilege and opportunity to point them to Christ.

Never has such a task been given to christian women, Will we meet the demands of the hour? We now have ;he opportunity to drive night from women of all heathen nations. Will we take it?

Are the women so blessed in our southland ready to make the sacrifice—give their all, their life and all they have—to send the Gospel message of salvation to our wailing sisters, who have it not? If we will heaven alone will reveal our faithful work.

The native christian women in all the heathen nations are showing such a spirit of love, zeal, sacrifice, and loyalty in their efforts to save their lost sisters. So many instances like this I could give if I had time. Some of these will go where no one else will go and give all their time to teaching and trying to win their heathen sisters. How we women learned to read the Bible after 70 years old and then went over mountains where no one else had even been and lead 37 souls to Christ, Another who would not marry—why? She wanted to help her sisters to obtain eternal life. She is destined to become one of the leaders in leading New China to Christ. When Christ left the world two thousand years ago, there were very few christians then. Now there are more than 550,000,000 christians; but millions are yet unsaved.

Will we women have a part in helping to bring the world to Chrtst? The most powerful force in the world today is silent influence. The Christ life live every day. Not only let our own light shine bright, but kindle fire in other souls Pass it on till there be no dark places in the world.

What part have we had in the wonderful progress of the Gospel in Korea? There are 200,000 of them christians today. In fact all the world is open now for us to take a part in helping to win the lost. Henry Ward Beecher said "If woman-hood has gone down woe be to us; but if woman has gone up in intelligence, virtue and religion, then the world is safe though its fleets be sunk and its cities burned. A Frenchman said in referring to the way American men treat their wives, "If I could be born again I would want to be born an American woman."

The sad cry comes to us today from those sisters who have onlyhad a glimpse of the light. The cry grows more bitter.

What is our part in this weight of giving them more light? It is love that will help those poor souls yet in despair. We can pray for them. Don't say "God bless the heathen," after we have prayed for ourselves, for that is not praying.

Each day and night there is sorrow and despair in thousands of them.

What did God command in Deut. 12? "To lay up these my words in your heart and souls and then teach them to our children continually. How can the heathen mothers obey God's command and teach them to their children except we teach them or send them the message of Life? Once a child was dying as the mother thought so she prayed to God for his life to be spared regardless of consequences. The child lived but his mother lived to see him die on the gallows

Another child was dying once as the mother thought, and she prayed God if he would spare her child she would consecrate her to His services. The child lived to consecrate herself to God's service. We see the contrast of being and not being a christian mother.

We might be examples to all in christian work and in onr part ofthe duty to the young people and children. How great?

Can we say that the women have been encouraged to look up by our personal efforts up to where by faith in Christ they can look up and trust Him? Are the young people and children being trained to be ready to take up the burden when He calls you and me? It was under the inspiration and call for missions that the woman's work came into existence .In prayer, spirit and devotion it might be keyed to the purpose which called it into existence—compassion for lost souls. Will we do it?

MRS. S. A. HOWARD.

SOUTH RIVER W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the South River Association held it eighteenth annual meeting in Roseboro on Oct. 17-18 with Roseboro W. M. S. The two days were beautiful days and we had a successful meeting.

Mrs. A, B. Owens, president of the W. M. S. of Roseboro, led the devotional exercises. Mrs. W. S. Watson gave address of welcome. Responded to by Mrs. W. J. Jones.

As our former secretary, Mrs. Cooper, had sent in her resignation, Miss Mary Page was appointed secretary pro tem. Reports from all the societies were called for.

Fifteen reported, nine by representatives and six by letters and reports. Therefore, every one of the 15 societies that have been at work during the past year reported either by delegate or letter and message.

A survey of Associational work was given by the Vice-President. At the close of her report she presented two charts, one showing how many quarters each society had reported for during the past Associational year, also aim of each and how much each had contributed during the year. The other chart showed how many quarters each society had reported for during this W. M. U. year, also W. M. U. aim for each one, how much each had contributed during the first two quarters of the W. M. U. year, how much each had to raise and report in order to reach W. M. U. aim by close of next two quarters, Feb. 28, 1915. We thought this would be an incentive for each one to make an effort to reach their aim by Feb. 28, 1915. We trust it may be.

Personal Service in the conntry was discuseed by Mrs. Kate Butler, of White Oak W. M. S. Mrs. J. C. Parker being sick, her talk on "Personal Service in Town," was omitted.

Our duties to our Associational Vice- President was given by Mrs. W. J. Jones,

A talk on "What a Century of Christianity Has Done for Women" was omitted on account of time. After appointment of committees and prayer the morning session closed.

The second session began at 1:30 p, m. Devotional services were led by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Jones, and were very spiritual. Report on the Jubilate was given by Mrs. Lula Wilson.

Importance of Mission Study classes was talked on by the Vice-President. "The Value of Missionary Training of the Young People" was given by Miss Pearl Howard, of Roseboro, and the importance of Y. W. A. Work by Miss Vara Howard. These two young ladies in a very impressive way talked on the necessity and importance of all young people being trained and interested in mission work. "The Best Way to Teach

Children Missions" was given by Mrs. Ivey Royal. Woman's Part in Missions" was given by the Vice-President.

A year ago we stated that if each of the 1,767 women in the Association would give only 10 cents each per month for missions that we would have contributed more than $2,000—Have you given that much? No, comes ths answer. Christ gave for us how much? 2½ cents a week? No, He gave his life. What will we give? 2½ cents a week? If we had (I mean all the women in the Association) had given systematically and of their means to missions, how much larger would be our gifts for the past year! Will we as women have a part in helping to save the world? Are we willing to make the sacrice? Will we have a part in helping to save our sisters who have not the Gospel? Will we meet the demands of the hour?

We dare not go to heaven without these lost sisters. How important to make Christians of all mothers, for their own sakes, for the sakes of their homes and children.

The spirit of missions—a burning desire to give the Gospel to every Christless soul, is born out of gratitude and love to Christ for salvation.

Special prayer was offered for Miss Heck, also for two of our sisters now in the Fayetteville hospital. Mrs. S. A. Howard, and Mrs. Ivey Royal were appointed as a committee to send Miss Heck a message of love and sympathy.

Mrs. Ann White gave a report of the Cumberland W. M. U. Annie Ruth Cooper gave us a recitation on "Why Didn't You Tell us Sooner"?

We appointed a literature committee to be a standing committee to secure subscribers to the Recorder, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, Royal Service, CHARITY AND CHILDREN especially, and organize Mission Study Classes.

We received a message from Miss Sophie Lanneau, formerly of Wake Forest. now of China, expressing regret in not being able to be with us in reply to a letter asking her to be with us.

We also expected to have Mrs. D. W. Herring, a returned missionary from China, to be with us, and talk, but she failed to come. However, on the second day of our meeting we had Rev. D. W. Herring, formerly of our country, now of China, to give us our missionary sermon. Such a strong appeal for China, and her needs, we seldom hear, We thank him for coming to us, and especially for that soul-stirring message from God to us to "come over into China and help us." He said in part: Christ's messsge to His disciples 'Go ye . . . . Lord's call to Paul 'Come over into Macedonia and help us' . . . I come today representing the Chinese. If the heathen knew their needs their call would be so loud as to wake us up. If you could see China's needs as I see them you would not have to be appealed to for them. They are dying for the Gospel. We are feasting on it. Will we let a scourge be sent on us as in Europe, or will we keep it off by obeying God's call and command? The call and command, 'Come over into China and help us.' I appreciate your prayers more than your contributions."

We held an open conference, with questions and exchange of plans. Answer to how to get women to attend our mettings—"Make them worth while and give all a part." Reports from committees and adoption of each.

The next meeting is to be held at Autryville next October. We desire to again thank the Roseboro people for their kind hospitality.

A Missionary Entertainment, led by Miss Pearl Howard was held on the first evening of our W. M. U.

MRS. S. A. HOWARD,
Vice-President.

Salemburg, N. C.

WOMAN'S AND CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Associational Year 1913-1914	No. Quarters Reported	Amt. Rec'd
Autryville W. M. U.	3	$12 05
Baptist Chapel W. M. A.	1	15 33
Clement W. M. S.	4	11 43
Elizabeth W. M. S.	2	4 09
Elizabeth S. B.	2	1 05
Mt. Elam W. M. S	2	6 25
Mt. Vernon W. M. S.	3	5 25
Mt. Vernon S, B.	3	2 30
White Oak W. M. S.	4	33 15
White Oak S. B.	2	73
Salemburg W, M. S.	4	81 32
Salemburg Y. W. A.	3	27 32
Salemburg S. B.	4	20 68
Roseboro W. M. S.	4	14 85
Total		$235 80

Roseboro S. B. (contributed to Orphanage and new church)

Aim for Associational year $500 raised $235 80.

The following table gives how many quarters each society has reported during this W. M. U. year. Beginning with March 1st., 1914 and to March the 1st,, 1915 Aim of each, how much each contributed during the first 2 quarters, and how much we contributed in November and February quarters to reach aim.

SOCITIES REPORTED	Quarters	Aim	Contributed	In Nov. & Feb. Quarters to be Contributed.
Autryville W. M. S.......	1	20 00	3 25	16 75
Baptist Chapel Y. W. A.	1	15 00	15 33	....
Clement W. M. S............	2	15 00	6 08	8 92
Elizabeth W. M. S.........	.....	5 00	....	5 00
Elizabeth Sunbeams......	.....	2 00	....	2 00
Mt. Elam W. M. S........	2	20 00	6 25	13 75
Mt. Vernon W. M. S......	1	15 00	1 50	13 50
Mt. Vernon Sunbeams...	1	5 00	1 00	4 00
White Oak W. M. S......	2	40 00	10 55	29 45
White Oak Sunbeams......	1	5 00	43	4 57
Salemburg W. M. S........	2	100 00	33 22	66 78
Salemburg Y. W. A......	2	40 00	7 81	32 19
Salemburg Sunbeams......	2	30 00	9 99	20 01
*Roseboro Sunbeams......	.....	....	....	....
Roseboro W. M. S.........	2	20 00	7 45	12 55
Total.......	.....	302 00	91 83	238 17

*Roseboro Sunbeams contributed to new church and Orphanage.

PLEDGES FOR 1914-1915

CHURCHES	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Minisierial Relief	Orphanage	Sunday School Missions	Wake Forest Church	Minutes
Antioch	15 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	2 75	2 75	5 50	1 00	2 50	2 00
Autryville	20 00	10 75	11 00	2 50	2 75	......	25 00	2 00	5 00	2 00
Baptist Chapel	11 20	20 00	8 75	20 00	4 00	4 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Beulah	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00
Brown's	5 00	1 50	1 00	1 25	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00
Center	20 00	10 00	9 00	9 00	2 00	4 00	5 00	1 50	2 50	1 50
Clement	25 00	12 50	12 00	12 50	3 00	10 00	7 00	2 00	5 00	2 00
Corinth	5 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	1 25
Concord	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	3 00	2 00
Elizabeth	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 25
Godwin	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	2 50	1 00
Hickory Grove	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	1 00	5 00	1 50
Long Branch	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	1 50
Macedonia	15 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	1 50	1 50	15 00	1 50	5 00	1 50
Mary's Chapel	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Mill Creek	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	1 50	1 50	3 50	1 00	2 00	1 25
Mints	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Mingo	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00
Mt. Elam	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	3 00	2 00	15 00	3 00	5 00	3 00
Mt. Vernon	1 50	1 50	1 50	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Piney Green	35 00	9 30	9 30	20 00	2 00	2 00	6 60	1 10	5 00	2 50
Pleasant Union	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Parkersburg	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	......	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00
Roseboro	9 00	10 90	6 65	16 00	3 00	3 00	17 60	1 10	7 50	2 00
Royal's Chapel	1 75	1 10	1 00	1 65	1 00	1 00	3 30	1 10	1 00	1 00
Salemburg	77 33	79 38	65 20	111 55	10 00	11 00	47 46	8 80	25 00	5 00
Spring Branch	53 68	50 00	76 00	161 28	11 00	27 50	191 98	16 50	25 00	5 00
Union Grove	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 50
White Oak	8 00	8 00	8 00	9 00	3 00	3 00	8 00	3 00	5 00	2 00

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	Superintendents & Postoffices	Secretaries & Hostoffices	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	G. W. Starling, Wade, R. 1	Docia McCorquodale, Dunn, R. 4	1	10	62	72	27	12		15 24				15 24
Autryville	E. V. Cooper, Autryville	Olivia L. Hall, Autryville	1	9	81	90	23	12	3	7 02		6 00		13 02
Baptist Chapel	N. T. Williams, Cooper	Olivia Culbreth, Cooper	1	9	91	100	50	12	9	14 00	5 00	20 00		39 00
Beulah	J. B. Young, Benson, R 1	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn, R, 5	1	5	40	45	15	6		9 60				9 60
Browns														
Center	J. T. Williams, Wade	W. A. Royal, Wade	1	6	80	86	35	12	3	3 31	6 50	7 00		16 81
Clement	J. T. Hayes, Cooper	Lula Horton, Cooper	1	7	93	100		12		31 78		93		32 71
Corinth	H. G. Holland, Clinton	H. G. Holland, Clinton	1	5	90	95	60	9		9 00				9 00
Concord	J O. Dairs, Autryville	B S. Cashwell, Autryville	1	6	35	41	30	12	10	6 00				6 00
Elizabeth	Arthur Porter, Roseboro	Minnie B. Hall, Roseboro	1	5	35	40		12						
Godwin	Duncan Pope, Godwin	P. R. Pope, Godwin	1	8	60	68	30	12	3	13 04		12 00		25 04
Hickory Grove	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	Randal Hobs, Clinton	1	6	50	56	25	9	1	10 00				10 00
Long Branch	J. B. Riley, Hane	M. E. Hall, Autryville	1	5	70	75		8	6	9 84				9 84
Macedonia	H. R. Carter, Vander													
Mary's Chapel	J. I. Gainey, Keener	Lucile Doughtry, Keener	1	7	38	45	15	9		10 00			60 00	70 00
Mill Creek	M. M. Sessom, Roseboro	Ettie Sessom, Roseboro	1	3	50	53				4 00				4 00
Mints														
Mingo	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	Cora Strickland, Dunn	1	7	116	123	39	12	8	8 75	31 77	18 60	11 46	70 58
Mt. Elam	Iva Baggett, Cooper	Eddie Warren, Huntley	1	7	150	157		9	6	15 00		30 75		45 75
Mt. Vernon														
Piney Green	L. H. Honeycutt, Huntley	Lena Royal, Huntley	1	8	138	146		12		14 00				14 00
Pleasant Union	J. E. Horn, Autryville	Laura Parker, Roseboro	1	5	45	50	15	12	1	7 00				7 00
Parkersburg	Annie Johnson, Parkersburg	Hettie Green, Parkersburg	1	4	40	44	10	12						
Roseboro	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	Geneva Simmon, Roseboro	1	7	71	78	37	12		18 78		29 00	13 13	60 91
Royals Chapel														
Salemburg	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	1	14	373	387	175	12	26	42 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	67 00
Spring Branch	O. D. Strickland, Dunn, R. 1	M. O. Newton, Dunn, R. 1	1	14	226	240	155	12	4	50 13				50 13
Union Grove	R C. Howard, Autryville	Clennie Crumpler, Roseboro	1	7	60	67	30	9	6					
White Oak	W. J. Butler, Clinton	Welster Crumpler Clinton	1	9	64	73	32	6		3 47	2 00	2 00		5 47

FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Po	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions.	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	100 00	50 00	....	15 24	....	50	2 36	1 96	85	1 57	1 00	4 74	......	1 57	......	7 30	187 19
Autryville	135 00	8 57	....	7 02	....	1 30	10 32	....	....	19 00	....	6 00	......	1 00	......	1 00	169 21
Baptist Chapel	150 00	....	....	14 00	5 00	2 50	20 09	15 23	7 27	10 50	5 00	20 00	......	5 89	6 00	30 00	291 48
Beulah	....	....	....	9 60	....	1 50	2 50	....	1 80	1 00	....	1 00	......	1 20	......	....	18 60
Browns	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	......	....	....
Center	100 00	....	....	3 31	....	1 00	8 00	1 89	2 50	2 60	6 50	10 00	1 44	1 40	......	21 55	160 19
Clement	125 00	....	....	32 72	....	2 00	6 39	2 76	2 45	5 20	....	10 00	2 13	....	......	32 29	321 94
Corinth	125 00	1000 00	....	9 00	....	1 00	1 00	....	50	25	50	....	50	....	......	....	1137 75
Concord	125 00	6 00	....	6 00	....	1 00	6 96	1 53	....	6 12	....	2 00	......	3 00	......	....	157 61
Elizabeth	125 00	....	....	4 00	4 50	......	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	....	......	1 00	158 00
Godwin	125 00	55 50	18 00	13 04	....	1 00	....	4 20	3 21	1 07	....	12 00	2 96	....	......	....	235 98
Hickory Grove	50 15	....	20 00	7 00	....	1 50	3 60	2 75	1 10	....	....	5 00	1 00	....	......	28 25	120 35
Long Branch	60 00	....	....	9 84	....	1 00	2 66	1 20	....	....	....	2 50	......	....	......	24 00	101 20
Macedonia	84 00	....	....	....	....	1 00	12 26	....	2 17	1 82	....	6 25	......	....	......	....	107 50
Mary's Chapel	40 00	....	....	10 00	....	1 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	......	61 00	126 00
Mill Creek	....	....	....	4 00	....	1 25	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	1 00	4 00	1 50	1 50	......	4 00	31 25
Mints	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	......	....	....
Mingo	71 16	1 30	2 90	8 75	11 46	1 00	2 55	....	16 77	15 00	....	18 66	2 55	1 75	......	3 00	156 55
Mt. Elam	90 00	....	....	15 00	1 75	1 90	7 90	....	7 00	8 00	....	30 75	......	7 25	......	27 00	197 55
Mt. Vernon	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	......	....	....
Piney Green	100 00	....	....	14 80	....	......	....	2 00	8 10	7 75	....	....	......	....	......	....	135 75
Pleasant Union	75 00	....	....	....	....	1 00	1 74	....	1 00	1 20	....	3 05	......	....	......	2 00	84 99
Parkersburg	30 00	60 00	....	....	....	1 00	1 55	....	1 00	....	....	....	......	....	......	2 00	95 55
Roseboro	300 00	564 96	....	20 03	33 78	2 00	5 22	21 11	....	19 02	29 00	....	......	....	......	13 13	1008 25
Royal's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	....	......	....	....
Salemburg	600 00	....	40 00	42 00	10 00	3 81	40 00	37 84	58 00	75 00	5 00	30 00	5 50	5 50	......	183 00	1114 65
Spring Branch	340 00	50 00	45 00	50 13	16 00	4 00	16 20	52 04	23 09	150 95	4 05	125 64	......	18 00	......	1221 00	1030 25
Union Grove	100 00	....	....	29 38	....	1 00	3 00	5 00	....	4 57	....	10 50	......	....	......	....	153 45
White Oak	150 00	....	4 50	3 47	....	50	4 50	12 60	12 20	22 05	....	14 00	......	....	......	17 60	231 42

STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTORS & POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females.	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restor-ation	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. L. Williams, Dunn, R. 4	2	1200	----	1	----	3	----	----	35	52	87
✓Autryville	J. F. Davis, Penbrook	R. L. Hall, Autryville	1	----	3	1	----	9	2	2	42	59	101
Baptist Chapel	E. I. Olive, Fayetteville	E. A. Jackson, Cooper	2	800	17	3	----	5	----	----	104	147	251
✓Beulah	R. Honeycutt, Clinton	J. B. Young, Benson	4	500	----	1	----	----	2	----	16	38	54
✓Browns		C. W Howard, Clinton	4	200	----	----	----	----	----	----	28	35	63
Center	E. I Olive, Hope Mills	J. T. Williams, Wade	3	800	3	----	----	----	----	1	41	51	92
Clement	J. G. Baker, Teachey	J. T. Royal, Autryville	1	500	3	2	----	2	4	1	60	85	145
✓Corinth	Lonie Sasser, Wake Forest	H. G. Holland, Clinton	4	1000	----	3	1	1	----	1	36	45	81
Concord	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	Thos. Cashwell, Steadman	2	1500	10	3	8	2	2	1	52	121	173
Elizabeth	W. H. Barner, Delway	O. B. McLemore, Roseboro	----	----	----	2	1	3	2	3	64	73	137
Godwin	J. W. Cobb, Lumber Ridge	W. M. Pope, Godwin	4	2500	5	----	----	10	----	----	30	39	69
Hickory Grove	J. B. Newton, Salemburg	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	2	800	1	----	----	----	1	1	31	51	82
Long Branch	John Prevatt, Lumberton	H. I. Hall, Hayne	4	----	6	3	----	3	----	2	50	88	138
✓Macedonia	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	M. H. Sessom, Steadman	1	----	1	----	1	1	2	----	30	55	85
Mary's Chapel	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. E. Bass, Keener	3	600	----	5	----	----	2	1	13	26	39
Mill Creek	J. B. Newton, Salemburg	John Horn, Roseboro	4	500	----	1	----	10	1	2	25	55	80
✓Mints	J. B, Newton, Salemburg	Evandee Simpson, Roseboro	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
✓Mingo	C, D. Peterson, Clinton	J. A. Bagett, Cooper	2	----	8	5	----	3	----	----	26	26	52
✓Mt. Elam	J, O. Tew, Roseboro	Eddie Warren, Huntley	3	500	9	1	----	4	1	3	75	120	195
✓Mt. Vernon		Alvin Royal' Clinton	3	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Piney Green	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	H. G. Sessom, Huntley	3	2000	28	1	5	2	1	1	98	145	243
✓Pleasant Union	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	E. S. Howard, Roseboro	2	400	2	---	1	----	----	----	34	49	83
✓Parkersburg	J. E, Dupree, Salemburg	W. C. Melvin, Parkersburg	4	300	----	1	----	----	----	----	7	13	20
Roseboro	W, J. Jones, Salemburg	Fredrick Simpson, Roseboro	1-3	6000	3	7	----	1	----	2	35	34	69
✓Royal's Chapel	Lonnie Sasser, Wake Forest	Mallie Royal, Clinton	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	L. A. White, Salemburg	2-4	2500	36	3	3	12	----	5	----	----	252
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek	D. M, Williford. Dunn, R. 1	1	4000	4	2	1	8	1	8	182	195	377
Union Grove	John Prevatt, Buie	R. W. Howard, Autryville	4	800	9	7	----	----	----	1	41	42	83
White Oak	S. B. Wilson, Delway	J. R. Butler, Clinton	2	650	----	3	----	2	----	4	30	40	70

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	Name of Organization	Presidents and Postoffices	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch									
Autryville	W. M. S.	Mrs. S. J. Faircloth, Autryville	8			8 00			8 00
Baptist Chapel	W. M. S.	Mrs. Pennie Williams, Cooper		2 00	5 00	6 00	2 33		15 33
Beulah									
Browns									
Center									
Clement	W. M. S.	Bessie Williams, Autryville			2 42	6 08			8 50
Corinth									
Concord									
Elizabeth									
Godwin	W. M. S.	Mrs. T. S. Cook, Godwin	12						
Hickory Grove	W. M. S.	Miss Nova Weeks, Clinton	10		1 28	75			2 03
Long Branch									
Macedonia									
Mary's Chapel	W. M. S.	Mrs. Martha Derden, Keener	13		1 50				1 50
Mill Creek									
Mints									
Mingo	W. M. S.	Mrs. Albala Cannady, Dunn	24					7 50	7 50
Mt. Elam	Duella Jackson	Duella Jackson, Cooper		6 25	6 79			4 50	17 54
Mt. Vernon									
Piney Green									
Pleasant Union									
Parkersburg									
Roseboro	W. M. S. & Sunbeams	Mrs. A. B. Owen, Roseboro	34	3 00	3 00	6 00		9 11	21 11
Royal's Chapel									
Salemburg	W. M. S.	Mrs. C. S Royal, Salemburg	29	16 62	29 82	72 79		20 89	140 12
Spring Branch	W. M. S	Mrs. S. E. Alderman, Dunn	32	31 34	23 09	64 91	4 15	43 20	169 34
Union Grove									
White Oak	W, M. S.	Mrs. W. J. Butler, Clinton	10	7 60	8 20	15 55	1 60	1 00	33 95

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William Bland	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
D. W. Tew	Route 5, Clinton, N. C.
Redin Honeycutt	Route 5, Clinton, N. C.
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R. W. Bass	Clinton, N. C.

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S. L. Jackson	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
J. H. Warren	Huntley, N. C.

PROGRAM FOR ASSOCIATION.

November 15, 16 and 17, 1916.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon.
12:00 m. —Organization.

Afternoon Session.

2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
3:00 p. m.—Biblical Recorder.
3:30 p. m.—Ministerial Relief.

Thursday Morning.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises.
9:30 a. m.—Temperance
10:00 a. m.—State and Associational Missions.
10:30 a. m.—Condition of the Churches.
11:00 a. m.—Baptist Education.
11:30 a. m.—Sermon (Missionary).

Afternoon Session.

2:00 p. m.—General Business and report of committees.
2:30 p. m.—Home and Foreign Missions.
3:00 p. m.—Orphanage.
3:30 p. m.—Woman's Work.

Order of Business for Friday Morning.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
9:30 a. m.—Obituaries.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday Schools.
10:30 a. m.—Layman's Movement.
11:00 a. m.—Young Peoples Union.
11:30 a. m.—Colportage and Literature.
12:00 m. Miscellaneous Business and Adjournment.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS.

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, with all objects of our Convention may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with Associational Mission money to the Unions, or to the Association, stating in each case the amount, the object, and the church, and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

White Oak Baptist Church,
November 16, 1915.

The South River Association met in its Thirty-ninth Annual Session, with White Oak Baptist Church according to invitation and appointment at 11 a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. O. Tew. Text Phil. 3:13-14. At 12 m. organization. Election of officers are as follows for the ensuing year: C. M. Hall Moderator; D. M. Williford, Clerk; R. N. Butler, Treasurer. A vote of thanks was extended to our retiring Moderator and Clerk for their excellent work for us. Adjourned for refreshments.

At 2 p. m. Association convened, the Moderator conducted devotional exercises.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Reading Clerks—Rev. J. B. Newton and Marvin White.

Finance Committee—J. A. Baggett and G. M. Bass.

To Nominate Executive Board—A. E. Alderman, Redin Honeycutt and Willie Owen.

Ordained Ministers present—W. J. Jones, D. W. Tew, J. O. Tew, M. W. Naylor, R. Honeycutt, J. E. Dupree, J. B. Newton, C. D. Peterson, S. B. Wilson.

Visiting Brethren present—Revs. C. D. Peterson and S. B. Wilson, from the Eastern Association, and also Bro. B. S. Peterson from the Eastern Association, representing the Biblical Recorder, and F. B. Hamrick of the Baptist Orphanage, representing Charity and Children, and Bro. L. B. Olive, representing the interest of the Dell School.

List of churches called and twenty responded. The letters from Long Branch and Hickory Grove were tabled asking for the next session of the Association.

The entire Executive Board were present. The Committee to Nominate Executive Board recommends as follows: E. T. Turlington, Chairman, S. A. Howard, Assistant Chairman, Salemburg, N. C.; H. G. Sessoms, Secretary, Huntley; C. M. Hall, Treasurer, Orange; G. W. Starling, Godwin; S. L. Jackson, Dunn, N. C., Route 1; J. H. Warren, Huntley. Report adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder is eighty years old and the history is largely contained in that of our denomination in North Carolina. It has been so closely associated with every object of our Convention that a history of one would be the history of the other. It has been a loyal supporter of every great achievement made by the Baptists in our State, and never in the past has it been more efficient than it is to-day. As its name implies it is distinctively Biblical and stands for the great doctrines of salvation as taught in the Bible. We need the Recorder in our homes, because it brings us each week information about the work of our denomination, gives us impulses for good, adds interest and enthusiasm to our religious life, sets up the Christian ideal in the home, helps in the development of the local church and unites us as a denomination. It is the Pastors assistant and goes into the homes each week and stands for the same things the Pastors stand for and has for its aim the ultimate evangelization of the whole world. The committee urges the pastors of this Association to help extend its circulation within its borders.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. TURLINGTON.

Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief by J. B. Newton.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Session convened at 9:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises by Rev. J. B. Newton.

Minutes of first day's proceedings were read and approved.

Moderator appoints the following committees:

To nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: S. A. Howard, G. W. Starling and J. E. Dupree.

To nominate delegates to State Baptist Convention: J. H. Warren, H. G. Sessoms and E. T. Turlington.

To nominate members of State Board: C. D. Peterson, W. J. Jones and D. W. Tew.

To locate next session of Association and Preacher: S. L. Jackson, C. M. Tew and A. E. Royal.

Committee on Program: J. B. Newton, J. O. Tew and O. D. Strickland.

Auditing Committee: J. H. Warren and W. R. Warren.

REPORT ON BAPTIST EDUCATION.

More than three quarters of a century has passed since Wake Forest College come into being and through all these years it has been, and is still blessing mankind far and near. Its worth educationally and for every other cause it stands for as a Christian College simply cannot be told. Meredith College for the education of women, in honor of the Rev. Thomas Meredith, for many years a noted leader of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina. The College is trying to carry out the ideals of its founders in character building as well as in scholarship. Its intention is to provide not only thorough instruction, but culture made perfect in the religion of Jesus Christ. The Christian type of womanly character is upheld, but special care is taken not to interfere with denominational preferences.

The Louisville Seminary, among the greatest seminaries on earth, is our very own, and is blessing not only the lives of this Southland of ours but its power has gone to the uttermost parts of the earth in blessing to the inhabitants thereof. We have a system of fourteen or more denominational high schools in the State. The Woman's Training School at Louisville is doing a work that is being felt throughout the entire country.

As a Christian people, as lovers of the Bible, and as a great Baptist host, let us stand by these (and all other schools in our midst) with our money, influence, patronage and prayers. We therefore recommend that the South River Association contribute liberally in matters of education. Brethren your Committee believes that this Association should undertake to raise at least $1.00 per capita of its membership for education this year 1915-'16. This will require a campaign to get the people enlisted, but it will pay. And so we insist that we make an advanced step in this great educational movement.

Respectfully submitted, D. W. TEW.

Report adopted.

After discussion by Bro. Tew and Bro. L. B. Olive an amendment was offered to above report, recommending that the South River Association appoint at least two Trustees for Dell School that they might co-operate with and work up a greater interest for the school and also the boys and girls of this Association. By motion amendment is adopted.

The Moderator appoints as committee to nominate two Trustees for Dell School Brethren J. B. Newton, J. O. Tew and J. A. Baggett.

Report on Ministerial Work from yesterday is as follows:

About 24 years ago the Baptists of North Carolina commenced the work of aiding old and infirm ministers who had not support. The work has grown from year to year until it is getting to be of considerable importance. From $25.00 to $200.00 is the smallest and the largest amounts any member has received during any one year. Let our churches take a collection soon for this object. Respectfully submitted, J. B. NEWTON.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To be temperate means we are able to control largely ourselves, at the table, in our home affairs, in business, in schools, in social gatherings, in politics, in religion, and to be straight out against the free use of intoxicating liquors. In our rapid progress and great achievement in the temperance cause there may be a lurking danger that we are holding back our influence and saying victory and at the same time doing nothing scarcely to hasten victory. If you want a clear head, a sound heart, a clear conscience, a sound body, money in your pocket, and credit to your name put your foot down on the use of intoxicating liquors. If nothing else will be convincing of the evils experience will, but it will be that experience which can only come too late to be of any use. Let us work and pray for national prohibition at an early day. Respectfully submitted, M. W. NAYLOR,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Discussion by Bros. Naylor, W. J. Jones and J. B. Newton.

REPORT OF THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE.

Our Baptist Orphanage was organized about thirty years ago. It has made wonderful progress in the way of careful attention to the fatherless children of the Baptists of our State. Since the beginning of our Orphanage there has been enrolled in the Orphanage about sixteen hundred children; of the sixteen hundred who have been enrolled there are about five hundred in the institution to-day.

A great debt has been incurred by providing comfortable buildings. And an effort is made to improve the education methods so that the usual literary work may be more practical, and that the industrial department may also have cultured value. "Sound mind in a sound body trained for broad human service in the kingdom of God is a brief statement of our aim."

The opening of the Kennedy Home with fifty children and the enlargement of the work at Thomasville of the Miles Durham Nursery have increased the number by seventy-five. This increase alone makes a pretty good orphanage. The erecting of new buildings and the high cost of living for the last year has increased the debt. The debt at this time is around about forty thousand dollars. Can we, as Baptists of the State, allow this situation to remain as it is. Each of us should feel a personal interest in this great and worthy institution. The little children who have been left fatherless and motherless should be contributed to liberally. Has not the time come according to the scriptures, "That God will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children." Are not these fatherless and motherless children ours to care for? There are hundreds of children knocking at the door of this institution. Can we see them without home or parents going down the way of life untrained? It is our duty to help and help now when it is most needed.

Your committee would recommend:

(1) A liberal Thanksgiving offering, emphasizing the importance of "Work Day," giving not less than one day's labor or income to Orphanage.

(2) That each Sunday School sacredly set aside one collection out of each month for Orphanage.

(3) That we give our heartiest sympathy, our earnest prayers and a goodly portion of our means, giving not less than an average of 50 cents per member for the Orphanage. Respectfully submitted, H. J. DUNCAN,
Committee.

Discussion by Brother Duncan and Brother Hamrick and pledges taken as follows for Thomasville Orphanage for the year 1916.

PLEDGES FOR ORPHANAGE 1916.

Antioch	$10.00	Mill Creek	5.00
Autryville	25.00	Mints	2.00
Baptist Chapel	75.00	Mingo	25.00
Beulah	5.00	Mount Elam	25.00
Center	5.00	Mount Vernon	5.00
Clement	15.00	Piney Green	25.00
Corinth	2.00	Pleasant Union	5.00
Concord	10.00	Roseboro	113.00
Elizabeth	10.00	Salemburg	113.00
Godwin	5.00	Spring Branch	113.00
Hickory Grove	25.00	Union Grove	10.00
Long Branch	2.00	White Oak	25.00
Mary's Chapel	5.00		

List of churches called and seven responded.

11:45 a. m.—Missionary sermon by Rev. C. D. Peterson. Text Matthew 28th chapter 18th, 19th and 20th verses.

A hat collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $9.68.

It was moved and seconded that the two churches who had not reported hand their letters and money to the Finance Committee should they come in.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session convened at 2:00 p. m.

Reports of Committees as follows:

To nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Bro. S. A. Howard.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention—Brethren W. J. Jones and J. E. Dupree.

The committee to nominate members of State Board beg leave to nominate Bro. J. B. Newton as member of said Board.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are many sections in North Carolina where there are no Baptist churches. There are many other sections where Baptists are very weak. These destitute and weak sections are proving fertile fields for many and various kinds of isms, which in some instances are proving to be as bad as no religion at all, or worse. It is the work of the Baptists of North Carolina, through the channel of State Missions, to combat and overcome these evil doctrines, as well as to evangelize those who profess no religion at all, and as far as possible establish New Testament churches in all these destitute sections—churches which will stand by the Bible in its purity and will earnestly contend for "the faith once delivered to the saints."

We would recommend that the churches of the South River Association make liberal pledges to State Missions and that they adopt a monthly or weekly system of giving, so that our State Board will not have to borrow and pay interest on money to carry on the work through the year. If all Baptist churches of the State will do this a neat sum will be saved annually in interest and much hard work and anxiety at the end of each Convention year will be avoided. Respectfully submitted, J. E. DUPREE.

Discussion by Bros. Dupree and J. B. Newton and by motion adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

A year ago a request was sent up to the Association from the Woman's meeting, asking for the co-operation, help and sympathy of every pastor and church in our Association. Has this request been responded to to the extent necessary for the progress of our work? For just now the Woman's organizations need the co-operation and encouragement of the whole Association. We were all encouraged when there were 54 Missionary organizations in our 29 churches and now only 14 or 15 doing active work. These 40 died or not in active service—perhaps because we made the mistake of employing missionaries to organize all these societies— before the people were informed on the great needs of this great work—for the hardest work not to organize—but to keep active the work, and develop it. The question has been frequently asked recently: Why Woman's and Children's Mission work has decreased for the past few years? Well after viewing the field I have decided that the greatest hindrances to the advancement of our work—lack of information, lack of interest, lack of leaders, also lack of putting God's work first, and no active Woman Missionary in the field, to keep the work going. How can we remedy the situation? To get every family in our Association to take some or all Missionary magazines. (The past year only 22 Foreign Mission Journals, three Home Fields, 17 Royal Service and 33 Biblical Recorders were taken by the members of our Missionary societies, and only two Mission Study Classes). And to have kept a missionary in the field, to have kept the work going. That each society and person take weekly, or monthly aims—be systematic in our giving. It is only by the continued help of every one, in every way, that we can accomplish much.

We cannot fulfill the possibilities that are before us unless we have a determination to see and hold God's point of view for salvation of the world—by study of His Word, by prayer, and by His Spirit's guidance. The progress and rush of the world a challenge to the churches and their organizations to exert their uttermost power to help save a lost world. When our work is over we will regret having spent our time with trifling insignificant things, when we ought to have been busy in the service of our King.

On October 16-17 we held our 19th annual meeting at Autryville. Only seven societies sent representatives and three others reported by letters. Although not all societies quite represented yet we had good talks. Woman's part in church work was talked on and advocated.

To-day I make an appeal to all the pastors here to see that the people of each of your churches be informed in missions, beginning in their homes, and extending unto the uttermost parts of the world. To see that Missionary literature be put in every home in our Association. As to Foreign report we contributed not half of our aim the past year. Will pastors and all laymen help us in our efforts next year. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. A. HOWARD, Committee.

Discussion by S. A. Howard, J. B. Newton, W. J. Jones, B. F. DeLoatch and M. W. Naylor. On motion report was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the South River Association make the following report:

Financial Report.

By balance on hand from the year 1914	$ 269.10
By amount received for Missions during year	170.08
Total	$ 439.18

Disbursements.

To J. E. Dupree	$ 114.58
To B. F. DeLoatch	112.49
To Lonnie Sasser	16.66
To J. W. Cobb	25.00
To J. B. Newton	46.84
To C. D. Peterson	12.50
To A. E. Royal	11.16
To Postage	.63
Total disbursements	$ 339.86
To balance on hand	99.32
Grand total	$ 439.18

During the year we have assisted the following churches: Pleasant Union, Royals Chapel, Parkersburg, Mints, Browns, Mount Vernon, Godwins, Mary's Chapel. The receipts are lighter this year than usual. But the needs are as great if not greater than heretofore. The Executive Board recommends that the Association employ a Colporteur to distribute literature within the confines of this Association where most needed. The Board thanks each church for its co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
E. T. TURLINGTON, Chairman Committee.

Discussed by E. T. Turlington and by motion report was adopted.
Reports on Home and Foreign Missions consolidated and submitted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It is nearly nineten hundred years since the Prince of Peace came and the path of life was opened to every believing soul. During these years billions of souls have gone out of the darkness of heathenism into the darker night. But will we think of the shame, the sin and the neglect there comes to us and the fact that over a billion are without the gospel today. In our generation one thousand million human souls will die and go down to the grave. Shall they go without hope in Christ, or will we give them the gospel of peace? There should be a plan for combining and directing of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel. In 1903 at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Dr. Geo. W. Truett said "The Supreme need of Southern Baptists to-day is such an enlightenment and development of all our people as will make co-operation in mission support an easy and delightful possibility. We can never be strong abroad until we enlighten and enlist at home. Money spent in the enlightenment and enlistment of the Baptists in the South is money spent precisely where it will count for the most in the evangelization of the whole world. Paul was not only a missionary to those without the gospel but he was also a missionary to churches. To add to their efficiency by timely and needy teachings.

At our Convention in Oklahoma City in 1912, Dr. J. B. Gambrell said: "The case of the laggard churches compels within reason the attention of this body. We are told that within the bounds of this Convention there are 11,000 churches doing little or nothing for the spread of the gospel. They are Missionary in word but not in deed." Our Southern Convention at its meeting in 1912 declared that a development program for laggard churches was a proper function of our Home Mission Board. Whereupon the Home Board recommended a committee creating a department of enlistment and co-operation. While this is true we have reason to take courage when we remember the increased membership of our Southern Baptists. From 1900 to 1915 the

Southern Baptist membership increased from 1,608,000 to 2,588,000, sixty-one per cent. The number of churches from 18,963 to 24,388, twenty-eight per cent; and the baptisms from 73,000 to 151,000, 105 per cent. During the same period the contributions to missions increased from $175,000 to $390,000, 353 per cent, and the total gifts to all objects from $3,069,000 to $13,074,000, 333 per cent. To put this profoundly significant growth in other terms, within fifteen years our membership has increased 980,000, our churches 5,375, our baptisms 77,806, our gifts to missions $1,369,000 and our gifts to all objects $10,000,000. If all our people could be enlightened and enlisted in the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention what a host of workers God would have in our Home Mission cause.

Brethren, this is a very needy and worthy enterprise. Emigration is flooding our country with thousands of Pagans and other faiths and if we don't evangelize them they will Paganize us. Let us as members of this Association do our part in giving the gospel to the heathen in our own land.

Respectfully submitted, J. O. TEW, Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:19-20. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. Matt. 16-19. I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curseth thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blest. Gen. 12:1-3. Woe is that church or community that fails to recognize and obey the great command to preach the gospel every where. Such a church has hidden its talent and is destined to itself in the dark and in the cold. The church with a missionary spirit and a world wide call is the church the gates of hell shall not prevail against. This church is also the church with an open door that no man can shut. To this church has been given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. It is a church of consecration and power. It is the only church that has the Master's Spirit, and therefore the only one that has developed into the unselfish life. This church is the church that recognizes Christ as its head and not man, and gives liberty of conscience to its members.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. JONES, Committee.

Discussed by Bro. W. J. Jones and Bro. J. O. Tew and by motion both reports are adopted.

The Churches made pledges for Home and Foreign Missions, as follows:

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Antioch	$ 3.00	$ 5.00
Autryville	5.00	10.00
Baptist Chapel	5.00	25.00
Browns	5.00	2.00
Center	2.50	5.00
Clement	10.00	10.00
Elizabeth	5.00	10.00
Godwin	5.00	6.00
Hickory Grove	5.00	5.00
Long Branch	2.50	2.50
Marys Chapel	2.00	2.00
Union Grove	5.00	5.00
White Oak	5.00	5.00
Piney Green	10.00	15.00

Bro. R. N. Butler, Treasurer, offers his report as follows:

From Oct. 21st, 1914, to Nov. 16th, 1915, received from all sources..$ 418.97

Disbursements.

A. E. Royal, Minutes	$ 36.84
Orphanage	33.96
Treasurer Baptist State Convention	287.57
C. M. Hall, Associational Missions	46.25
Rev. W. M. Page, M. R.	8.10
Parkersburg Church	6.25
Total	$ 418.97

Respectfully submitted, R. N. BUTLER, Treasurer.

By motion report was adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report the following amounts came into our hands from the different churches at this meeting:

Minute funds	$ 33.88
Associational Missions	57.68
State Missions	21.17
Home Missions	10.55
Foreign Missions	36.68
Sunday School Missions	2.25
Orphanage	33.08
Ministerial Education	3.60
Ministerial Relief	15.60
Wake Forest Church	2.00
Total	$ 216.49

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the reports of the Treasurer and also the Finance Committee and find them correct as read.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WARREN,
W. R. WARREN,
Auditing Committee.

By motion the report is adopted.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Session convened at 9:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises by Bro. O. D. Strickland.

The following committees report:

We, your Committee to Nominate Executive Board, recommend that we keep our old Board as follows:

E. T. Turlington, Chairman, Salemburg, N. C.
S. A. Howard, Assistant Chairman, Salemburg, N. C.

H. G. Sessoms, Clerk, Huntly, N. C.
C. M. Hall, Treasurer, Orange, N. C.
G. W. Starling, Godwin, N. C.
S. L. Jackson, Dunn, N. C., Route 1.
J. H. Warren, Huntley, N. C.

R. HONEYCUTT,
A. E. ALDERMAN,
W. T. OWENS, Committee.

By motion report was adopted.

Committee to nominate Trustees for Dell School recommend Brethren J. A. Barker and C. M. Hall.
Respectfully submitted,
J. B. NEWTON,
J. O. TEW,
J. A. BAGGETT, Committee.

By motion report is adopted.

Committee to locate and select preacher reported that the next session of the Association be held with Long Branch Baptist Church and J. E. Dupree to preach the Introductory sermon and Rev. W. J. Jones to preach the Missionary sermon.
Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee to select delegate to Southern Baptist Convention recommend S. A. Howard.
Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is not on probation, but a big business to-day of educational and spiritual opportunity and efficiency—a work on which the sun never sets. The Sunday School organization with its 30,000,000 stands out as the largest and most far reaching educational and spiritual force in the world. For while the pulpit represents the ideas and meditations of one man the Sunday school stands for free expression from every man, woman and child. Furthermore, no man's approval is needed to dignify the Sunday School of today, for it is significant that because of the indispensible place that it has in spreading the gospel men and women who know what that means in shaping of life are willing to put life into that work as never before.

Last year the following resolution was adopted:

That we, the members of the South River Association do ask that each church make ready for the best Sunday School teaching by preparing rooms for class work to the extent of their means.

Now as we look over the Sunday School equipments of our Association, we find only very few churches that have made any effort to carry out the resolution.

Let us mention some of the tools that well-equipped, successful Sunday schools have found invaluable and have worked wonders in their schools. They are: Class-rooms, black boards, charts, flags, banners, thermometers, collection devices, maps, standard charts, cradle-roll, song books and Bibles in place of quarterlies on class. Our churches should resolve to provide at once, at least as good an equipment for its school work as the day schools have.
Respectfully submitted, A. P. HOWARD, Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

It seems that many of our Laymen in the bounds of our Association do not understand the object of the movement. It is plain and simple. The object is to organize so as to enlist every member in active church work through a committee appointed to make an every member canvass for church expenses and missions and to enlist them in active service. It is estimated that only about one-third of our members are contributing to missions. We recommend the Scriptural plan of giving. Lay by on the first day of the week as God has prospered you for church expenses and Missions so that there will be no collections when I come. Respectfully submitted,

S. L. JACKSON, Committee.

By motion the report is adopted.

Discussion by S. L. Jackson, S. A. Howard, W. J. Jones and J. E. Dupree.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The mission work of the South River Association is a work that requires the endorsement of all of our churches. In this field are many homes that are raising up children and some of them have not accepted Christ, and the office of the Missionary of the Association is to preach Christ to the members of these homes, and truly bring their influence into the Lord's work and help build up the kingdom of our Lord and Master.

Respectfuly submitted, C. M. HALL, Committee.

Discussed by Bros. C. M. Hall and W. J. Jones.

REPORT ON BAPTIST LITERATURE.

The Bible should be the foundation of all Baptist literature, as it is the foundation of all Baptist faith and doctrine. It is also true that our people read this book of all books too little. But while the Bible should be the foundation this is not sufficient to meet all the needs of our people since generally speaking we are too ignorant to properly interpret the Scriptures.

Along with our Bibles the Baptist families of the South River Association should have the Biblical Recorder, Charity and Children, and other Baptist papers and Missionary Journals. But these fall short of meeting our needs. There is being scattered throughout this section literature of the most spurious character. This literature is prepared by brainy men and it is having its effect upon our people. Russellism, Mormonism and other isms are being taught our people and as yet Baptists have not put out any line of literature which meets the arguments of these false teachers. Our Baptist authors have made bare statements that these doctrines are false and have seemed to think this should forever settle the matter. But as our people read and become informed they think our authors should do more than make bare statements. If these doctrines are false Baptist authors should put out literature, either free or at a very cheap rate that does not stop at asserting they are false but from the Bible prove them false. One other thing our people should look after more carefully is that of proper literature for our Sunday schools. Most of our schools of course use the Southern Baptist Convention series but some are using a cheaper or free literature which may or may not be doctrinally sound. Respectfully submitted, H. G. SESSOMS.

Discussed by Bro. W. J. Jones.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Beloved brethren, there is no thought that taxes our minds with more solemnity than this one. The soon and sure change that is coming to us all and has come to many even in the last year of whom we mention a few. Burrell Warren, H. M. Tew and Zilphy W. McLamb, of Mount Elam; Bro. Addie Williford, N. E. Strickland and Julia Dawson, of Spring Branch; J. T.

Sessoms and Janie Hall, Pleasant Union; Bernice Hall, Long Branch; Susan Beasley, of Godwin; Joel Starling, Sylvania Tew, Baptist Chapel; William Faircloth, Autryville; A. W. Downing, Mints; Mrs. Betsey Howard, Salemburg. These all died in the faith once delivered to the Saints, with others not mentioned. Brethren, when a few more years at most are past, we too shall cross over to the other shore. God help us to be true and faithful unto death. Nothing like being ready. Respectfully submitted,

R. HONEYCUTT, Committee.

Report adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR NEXT SESSION.

Wednesday.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory sermon, J. E. Dupree.
12:00 m. —Organization.

Afternoon Session.

2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous.
3:00 p. m.—Biblical Recorder, J. A. Baggett.
3:30 p. m.—Ministerial Relief, J. B. Newton.

Thursday Morning.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises, J. O. Tew.
9:30 a. m.—Temperance, J. H. Warren.
10:00 a. m.—State and Associational Missions, S. A. Howard and J. E. Dupree.
10:30 a. m.—Condition of the Churches, W. J. Jones.
11:00 a. m.—Baptist Education, Dr. R. T. Vann.
11:30 a. m.—Missionary Sermon, W. J. Jones.

Afternoon Session.

2:00 p. m.—General business and reports of committees.
2:30 p. m.—Home and Foreign Missions, C. D. Peterson and B. F. DeLoatch.
3:00 p. m.—Orphanage, M. W. Naylor.
3:30 p. m.—Woman's Work, C. S. Royal.

Friday Morning.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional, D. W. Tew.
9:30 a. m.—Obituaries, H. J. Duncan.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday Schools, O. D. Strickland.
10:30 a. m.—Laymen's Movement, Marvin White.
11:00 a. m.—Young People's Union, L. B. Olive.
11:30 a. m.—Colportage and Literature, E. L. Gavin.
12:00 m. —Miscellaneous Business.

O. D. STRICKLAND,
S. L. JACKSON,
J. B. NEWTON, Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion, time of meeting is changed from Tuesday to Wednesday of the Association week.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution was offered by W. J. Jones and adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That each church send a special prepared paper with its letter giving the church letter in a condensed form which paper shall be read by a delegate appointed by the Church from which it comes. This is supposed to bear the names of the delegates, the members received in the church, those dropped by letter or otherwise, and the total amount raised by that particular church during the year. The church may send up their regular filled out letters in addition to the papers attached.

A resolution of thanks appreciating the cordial hospitality and good will of the White Oak Church and the community given the South River Association. We the members of this body hereby express our appreciation and extend our thanks.

LIST OF DELEGATES FROM EACH CHURCH.

Antioch—J. L. Williams, Arther Baggett, Weaver Strickland.
Autryville—Zeb V. Spell, Stacy B. Hall, Chas. Faircloth.
Baptist Chapel—C. M. Tew, J. W. Page, A. B. Page, J. A. Wrench, J. L. Wrench.
Beulah—T. H. Moore, T. B. Barefoot, Handy McLamb.
Browns—I. B. Flowers, H. B. Jordan, S. H. Jordan.
Center—Campbell Williams, J. T. Page, L. B. Williams.
Clement—M. M. Williams, A. I. Matthews, Blackman Williams.
Corinth—H. G. Holland, E. C. Butler, N. C. Warren.
Concord—
Elizabeth—M. O. Williams, J. H. Porter, H. T. Rich.
Godwin—J. A. Starling, J. H. Pope, J. M. Starling.
Hickory Grove—W. O. Gilbert, J. E. Strickland, J. A. Warren.
Long Branch—Sion Ham, W. H. Taylor, J. A. Hale.
Macedonia—
Marys Chapel—G. M. Bass, M. J. Bradshaw, J. I. Gainey.
Mill Creek—J. A. Horne, J. O. Hair, A. R. Cooper.
Mints—Charles Butler, Simeon Johnson, Virgil Johnson.
Mingo—Autry Baggett, J. A. Baggett, H. Cannady.
Mount Elam—H. H. Warren, W. R. Warren, H. M. McLamb.
Mount Vernon—Beaman Jordan, Tim Pope, Alvin Royall.
Piney Green—C. H. McLamb, F. M. Tew, M. A. Butler.
Pleasant Union—W. R. McKenzie, E. S. Howard, J. E. Horne.
Parkersburg—
Roseboro—J. R. Patterson, R. P. Howell, W. J. Watson.
Royals Chapel—No delegates reported.
Salemburg—J. A. Turlington, Lanie Royal, Eller Royal, June Cooper, Dr. G. L. Sikes.
Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, M. W. Naylor, S. L. Jackson, D. M. Williford, A. E. Alderman.
Union Grove—Randall Williams, J. O. Williams, Randall Cannady.
White Oak—R. A. Butler, G. L. Crumpler, A. C. Crumpler.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

PLEDGES FOR 1915-1916.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Schools and Colleges.
Antioch	$.....	$25.00	$10.00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ .....
Autryville	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Baptist Chapel	......	25.00	10.00	......	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beulah	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Browns	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Center	......	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Clement	......	5.00	......	......	......	......	......
Corinth	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Concord	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Elizabeth	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Godwin	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Hickory Grove	1.00	5.00	5.00	......	......	2.00	......
Long Branch	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Macedonia	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mary's Chapel	1.00	1.00	2.00	......	......	1.00	......
Mill Creek	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mints	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mingo	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mount Elam	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mount Vernon	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Piney Green	1.00	25.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	......
Pleasant Union	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Parkersburg	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Roseboro	......	30.00	25.00	......	5.00	8.00	......
Royal's Chapel	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Salemburg	......	75.00	85.00	......	20.00	15.00	......
Spring Branch	......	55.00	50.00	15 00	10.00	......	......
Union Grove	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
White Oak	......	10.00	10.00	......	......	......	......

TABLE I—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH.	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Gains.			Losses.			Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter	By Exclusion.	By Death.			
Antioch	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	John L. Williams, Dunn, R. 4	Fourth	$1200.00	2	2	....	....	....	....	34	55	89
Autryville	J. F. Davis, Pembroke	R. L. Hall, Autryville	Fourth	....	4	5	....	....	....	....	44	63	107
Baptist Chapel	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	E. A. Jackson, Cooper	Fourth	800.00	10	....	....	1	1	2	104	134	238
Beulah	R. Honeycutt, Clinton	J. B. Young, Benson	Fourth	500.00	4	....	....	....	3	2	16	37	53
Browns	B. F. DeLoatch, Clinton	W. C. Howard, Clinton	Third	600.00	....	2	....	....	....	....	29	36	165
Center	E. I. Olive, Hope Mills	J. T. Williams, Wade	Third	800.00	3	....	....	3	3	2	35	54	89
Clement	....	J. T. Royal, Autryville	....	500.00	3	2	....	....	....	....	58	91	149
Corinth	H. D. Lockerman, Clinton	H. G. Holland, Clinton	First	1200.00	1	....	....	....	....	....	32	47	79
Concord	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Elizabeth	H. D. Lockerman, Clinton	O. B. McLemore, Roseboro	Second	200.00	22	4	2	....	10	1	64	76	140
Godwin	J. W. Cobb, Lumber Bridge	J. M. Starling, Godwin	First	2600.00	5	1	1	2	....	1	34	39	73
Hickory Grove	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	Second	500.00	....	....	....	....	....	1	31	47	78
Long Branch	John Prevatt, Buie's	J. S. Riley, Hayne	Fourth	....	5	1	....	4	1	1	33	90	123
Macedonia	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Marys Chapel	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	G. M. Bass, Clinton	Third	600.00	8	....	....	....	1	1	13	32	45
Mill Creek	J. B. Newton, Salemburg	J. A. Horne, Roseboro	Fourth	500.00	7	....	....	5	....	....	26	54	80
Mints	J. B. Newton, Salemburg	Lucile Lyon	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22
Mingo	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	Second	1200.00	2	6	....	1	....	....	29	32	61
Mount Elam	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	W. R. Warren, Huntley	Third	500.00	1	1	....	2	2	4	69	108	177
Mount Vernon	B. F. DeLoatch, Clinton	Alvin Royal, Clinton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Piney Green	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	H. G. Sessoms, Huntley	Second	2000.00	17	1	2	1	45	....	78	109	187
Pleasant Union	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	J. E. Horne, Autryville	Third	500.00	....	1	3	2	2	2	32	51	83
Parkersburg	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	1st--3rd	7000.00	4	13	2	3	....	....	37	43	80
Royals Chapel	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	Mallie Royal, Clinton	Second	150.00	....	....	....	....	1	....	5	13	18
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	F. C. Howard, Roseboro	2nd-4th	2500.00	12	12	....	6	34	2	90	130	220
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn, R. 1	First	4000.00	15	2	1	13	....	4	190	188	378
Union Grove	John Prevatt, Buies	R. W. Howard, Autryville	Fourth	1000.00	....	....	....	....	....	2	41	46	87
White Oak	S. B. Wilson, Delway	Webster Crumpler, Clinton	Second	650.00	4	....	....	1	1	2	27	38	65

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

CHURCH.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Colleges and Schools.	Other Objects.	Total.
Antioch	$ 75.00	$.......	$.....	$11.30	$.....	$ 1.00	$12.02	$ 5.00	$ 1.11	$ 4.00	$ 1.00	$11.40	$.....	$ 2.00	$.....	$17.70	$ 141.53
Autryville	135.00	......	20.00	14.87	......	1.40	2.89	9.27	5.19	10.00	.94	17.15	2.00	3.21	......	......	281.92
Baptist Chapel	120.00	......	......	11.18	10.81	1.55	12.67	9.94	......	16.64	......	14.20	......	1.65	......	20.94	219.58
Beulah	20.52	......	......	8.00	......	1.50	4.00	1.00	4.00	2.00	......	2.05	......	2.00	......	......	45.07
Browns	50.20	......	......	......	......	.50	1.25	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	51.95
Center	100.00	......	......	10.50	......	1.00	10.49	3.01	1.26	1.46	......	4.03	......	1.47	......	5.50	138.72
Clement	125.00	......	......	6.40	......	2.00	8.12	5.50	3.27	3.58	......	9.42	1.60	2.00	......	8.00	174.89
Corinth	80.00	12.00	......	8.00	......	1.00	2.00	1.00	.55	......	......	1.00	......	......	......	......	105.55
Concord	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Elizabeth	125.00	......	......	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.50	3.25	1.75	.50	3.50	......	1.00	......	......	146.00
Godwin	125.00	36.42	40.50	......	......	1.00	2.48	6.77	......	3.80	......	......	......	.91	......	......	216.88
Hickory Grove	85.60	......	......	5.00	......	.50	11.80	2.65	1.40	10.00	.85	11.60	1.90	1.25	......	3.90	139.45
Long Branch	60.00	......	......	7.00	......	.60	1.00	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	68.60
Macedonia	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Marys Chapel	60.00	3.00	......	9.00	......	1.00	1.00	1.00	......	2.00	......	4.60	......	1.00	......	42.50	125.10
Mill Creek	50:00	......	......	6.00	......	1.25	3.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	......	3.00	......	......	......	......	70.25
Mints	12.60	......	......	......	1.20	......	2.00	.85	1.00	1.00	......	1.55	......	......	......	......	20.20
Mingo	75.00	1010.00	15.80	21.00	......	1.00	3.00	3.54	2.00	2.50	1.00	4.75	1.00	1.00	......	3.00	1144.59
Mount Elam	125.00	......	......	15.00	......	1.50	12.61	19.28	......	......	......	17.55	......	14.98	......	38.25	244.17
Mount Vernon	62.50	14.50	......	......	......	......	1.00	6.50	1.00	2.45	......	5.25	......	......	1.00	......	94.20
Piney Green	100.00	......	2.65	11.25	1.75	1.00	21.68	9.30	9.30	10.00	1.00	6.60	2.00	2.00	......	5.00	183.53
Pleasant Union	75.00	......	30.00	8.00	3.00	1.00	.50	1.00	......	......	......	1.00	......	.50	......	10.00	130.00
Parkersburg	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Roseboro	300.00	1046.25	......	19.95	......	2.00	2.00	12.91	7.95	17.41	......	25.94	......	......	......	35.00	1469.41
Royals Chapel	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Salemburg	600.00	......	56.00	27.00	5.27	5.00	57.02	79.38	46.38	81.03	7.41	59.66	10.00	5.00	25.00	185.00	1249.15
Spring Branch	325.00	......	3.50	92.60	......	4.00	25.00	124.15	101.79	200.00	......	219.50	3.72	20.00	......	296.14	1415.40
Union Grove	100.00	......	......	22.00	13.00	1.00	3.00	5.00	......	2.56	......	13.00	......	1.70	......	......	161.26
White Oak	125.00	......	......	5.52	......	.75	7.74	2.00	......	2.00	1.31	......	......	......	......	......	144.32

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH.	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE.	SECRETARY AND POST-OFFICE.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total Enrollment.	Church Members in S. S.	Months kept open.	Baptisms from school.	School Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Antioch	G. W. Starling, Godwin	A. L. Starling, Godwin	1	12	66	88	23	12	1	$11.30	$....	$ 6.40	$.....	$ 17.70
Autryville	E. V. Cooper, Autryville	Olivia L. Hall, Autryville	1	8	82	90	36	12	5	14.87	.55	8.55	......	23.97
Baptist Chapel	A. B. Page, Cooper	N. T. Williams, Cooper	1	10	90	100	....	10	6	11.18	......	......	......	11.18
Beulah	J. B. Young, Benson	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn	2	5	50	55	20	8	2	......	......	......	......	......
Browns	J. G. Gore, Clinton	Mattie Flowers, Clinton	1	7	35	42	....	....	....	......	......	......	......	......
Center	M. F. House, Wade	Vila McMillan, Wade	1	8	69	77	50	12	3	3.50	......	......	7.00	10.50
Clement	S. O. Autry, Autryville	Alfred Matthews, Autryville	1	6	94	100	....	12	3	6.40	2.98	8.77	......	18.15
Corinth	H. G. Holland, Clinton	Louvina Butler, Clinton	5	8	124	132	60	9	1	8.00	......	......	......	8.00
Elizabeth	R. E. Hobbs, Roseboro	Rebecca Rich, Parkersburg	1	6	72	78	52	9	14	4.00	......	1.64	......	5.64
Godwin	Duncan Pope, Godwin	P. R. Pope, Godwin	1	8	63	71	32	12	2	14.26	2.25	10.00	......	26.51
Hickory Grove	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	Elliot Gilbert, Clinton	1	5	60	65	40	8	....	5.00	......	......	......	5.00
Long Branch	G. B. Bledsoe, Autryville	M. E. Hall, Autryville	1	5	50	55	....	7	3	......	......	......	......	......
Marys Chapel	J. D. Gainey, Keener	G. M. Bass, Clinton	1	6	45	51	12	9	8	9.00	......	......	10.00	19.00
Mill Creek	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro	Lizzie Sessoms, Roseboro	1	9	86	95	25	12	7	......	......	......	......	......
Mingo	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	Cara Hair, Dunn	1	7	88	95	40	12	2	10.00	17.04	......	27.30	54.34
Mount Elam	Ira Baggett, Cooper	W. R. Warren, Huntley	1	7	126	133	60	9	....	......	......	......	......	......
Mount Vernon	J. E. Britt, Moltonville	R. F. Royal, Clinton	1	7	55	62	25	12	2	10.90	1.42	2.45	......	14.77
Piney Green	L. H. Honeycutt, Huntley	Sarah Strickland, Huntley	1	9	180	189	100	12	16	11.25	......	......	......	11.25
Pleasant Union	A. N. Smith, Roseboro	Laura Parker, Roseboro	1	5	75	80	21	12	....	8.00	......	1.00	......	9.00
Roseboro	Fred Simpson, Roseboro	Geneva Simmons, Roseboro	1	8	86	94	44	12	4	19.95	5.55	25.94	53.20	104.64
Royals Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	......	......
Salemburg	J. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	1	11	203	214	....	12	12	23.28	17.78	31.06	15.00	87.12
Spring Branch	O. D. Strickland, Dunn	M. O. Newton, Dunn	1	15	185	200	100	12	12	92.60	22.04	91.68	......	206.32
Union Grove	Randal Williams, Orange	Mattie Williams, Autryville	1	9	66	75	25	9	4	22.00	......	13.00	......	35.00
White Oak	Webster Crumpler, Clinton	Percy Owens, Clinton	1	8	100	108	30	9	....	5.52	1.31	......	......	6.83

Nineteenth Annual Meeting

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

OF THE

South River Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Autryville, N. C.,

The Third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1915.

OFFICERS.

Chairman of Meeting	Mrs. W. J. Jones.
Secretary	Miss Bertha Newton.
Band Leader	Miss Johnnie Howard.
Y. W. A. Leader	Miss Pearl Howard.
Superintendent of the Association	Mrs. S. A. Howard.

PROCEEDINGS.

The regular annual meeting of the South River Woman's Missionary Union met with the Autryville Baptist Church the third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1915.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs. W. J. Jones. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Sessoms, after which the regular program of the meeting was entered into.

Mrs. Spell gave a very warm and hearty address of welcome to all present.

Societies from the following churches reported: Autryville, Baptist Chapel, Roseboro and Salemburg. There are a few other Societies that had been reporting to the Superintendent but were not represented at this meeting.

The few women that are interested in the Missionary cause have been faithful, but when we remember the 1400 or 1500 women who are asleep as to active church membership we can't help feeling there is something vitally wrong with our system.

The History of Woman's Work was very graphically given by Mrs. Ella Royal with the use of the blackboard. She showed conclusively that the progress that women have made in Christian work has been with great opposition and the advanced steps were taken only as education and christianity prepared the way. In comparison to the freedom of the work of today it was interesting to hear her tell how the women 35 years ago were not allowed even to organize a Missionary Society, as it was thought by the men to be unbiblical and tend to bring discord in the church. On another occasion, about this time, there was gathered together a host of women for the purpose of discussing missionary subjects, and they were forbidden to have a woman address them. A man was sent down to address the body, telling them what they wanted and how they must do it. Several other instances as ridiculous as the above were cited. At the conclusion of this address it was the concensus of opinion of the entire body that "a great door and effectual" is open to women.

After appointing a committee on time and place and a nominating committee, we adjourned for dinner.

The afternoon session was a feast of good things in the following addresses:

Mrs. Virginia Royal made a touching appeal for Personal Service—stressing the point that our duty lies closest to those who need us most.

Mrs. W. J. Jones spoke at length on the Country Churches, showing that they are at a standstill if not in a decadence, and suggests that every member become an active member as much as practical.

The Superintendent, Mrs. S. A. Howard, gave her annual address, showing the successes and failures of the past year, and urging a greater effort in the coming year.

Miss Bertha Newton gave an interesting talk on the Training of the Children. She showed that the destiny of the future church lay in the hearts and minds of the children of to-day; therefore the calling of training little children is a most sacred one

Miss Pearl Howard, the Y. W. A. leader of the Association, spoke enthusiastically on the subject: The Girl that Brings Things to Pass. After hearing this stirring address every one felt inspired to go to work and do more than ever before.

Mrs. Owens spoke in behalf of Mission Literature and advised that all our homes subscribe to our denominational papers and magazines and let the Bible be the one prominent book of our homes.

Rev. W. J. Jones, of Salemburg, in conclusion gave his hearty endorsement to Woman's Work and read clippings from papers and letters from prominent

Baptist men of North Carolina who put themselves on record as giving their hearty support to women who are answering a conscientious call to Christian Service.

After a solo by Miss Gladys McKenzie, the committee reported as follows: The nominating committee recommends the re-election of the same officers with the exception of Miss Johnnie Howard as Band Leader since Mrs. Virginia Royal resigned. The report was adopted and Mrs. Virginia Royal was appointed as leader of Personal Service Work in the Association and Miss Pearl Howard, chairman of Literature Committee.

The Nominating Committee recommend Salemburg as the place for the next meeting, the time to be decided upon later by the Superintendent. The report was adopted.

After the appoining of delegates to the Association, the meeting adjourned.

The annual meeting closed Sunday morning with a sermon by Rev. W. J. Jones. His text was: "She hath done what she could," and his sermon was very impressive and appropriate for the occasion.

MRS. W. J. JONES, Chairman.

BERTHA NEWTON, Secretary.

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

CHURCH AND NAME OF ORGANIZATION.	PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE.	Number of Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Board.	Training School.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Antioch Woman's Missionary Society			$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Autryvile—Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. S. J. Faircloth, Autryville	8			5.00				5.00
Baptist Chapel—Young Woman's Auxiliary	Mrs. S. B. Page, Cooper				1.50			4.75	6.25
Browns									
Beulah									
Center									
Clement—Woman's Missionary Society	Bessie Williams, Autryville		3.00	.66	1.32			.50	5.48
Corinth									
Concord									
Elizabeth									
Godwin—Ladies Aid Society	Mrs. J. T. Cook, Godwin	19							21.60
Hickory Grove									
Long Branch									
Macedonia									
Marys Chapel									
Mill Creek									
Mints									
Mingo—Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. H. Cannady, Dunn	23						1.00	1.00
Mount Elam									
Mount Vernon—Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. E. Britt, Moltonville	15	3.50		2.45		1.00	14.50	21.45
Piney Green									.05
Pleasant Union									
Parkersburg									
Roseboro—Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Roseboro	16	2.00	2.40	7.10			.65	12.15
“ Baptist Young People's Union									45.00
“ Young Woman's Auxiliary		60							
“ Sunbeams		65							
Royal's Chapel			1.25						
Salemburg—Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. C. S. Royal, Salemburg		22.10	19.64	50.85	2.41	5.00		101.25
Spring Branch—Woman's Missionary Society	S. E. Alderman, Dunn	50	52.80	17.39	34.83		5.00	63.50	183.47
“ Young Woman's Auxiliary	Miss Augusta Williford, Dunn	26							
“ Sunbeams	Maggie Williams, Dunn	30							
Union Grove									
White Oak—Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. Lula Wilson, Clinton	6	10.38	3.15	7.55		2.95	.50	24.53

Spring Branch Societies raised $9.95 for Orphanage.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Long Branch Baptist Church

November 15, 16, and 17, 1916

OFFICERS:

C. M. HALL, Moderator, P. O.______________________________Orange, N. C.
D. M. WILLIFORD, Clerk and Treas., P. O.___________Dunn, R. 1, N. C.

NEXT MEETING

Time—November 14, 15 and 16, 1917.
Place—Mill Creek; nearest Railroad Station, Roseboro, N. C.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. H. Barnes.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. J. O. Tew.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. F. Dupree	Salemburg, N. C.
W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
Wm. Bland	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
D. W. Tew	Route 5, Clinton, N. C.
Reddin Honeycutt	Route 5, Clinton, N. C.
J. O. Tew,	Roseboro, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.
R. W. Bass	Clinton, N C.
W. H. Barnes	Salemburg, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

E. T. Turlington Chairman	Salemburg, N. C.
S. A. Howard, Assistant Chairman	Salemburg, N. C.
H. G. Sessoms, Secretary	Huntley, N. C.
C. M. Hall, Treasurer	Orange, N. C.
G. W. Starling	Godwin, N. C.
S. L. Jackson	Route 1, Dunn, N. C.
D. W. Tart	Roseboro, N. C.

PROGRAM FOR ASSOCIATION.

November 14, 15 and 16, 1917.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon by W. H. Barnes.
12:00 m. —Organization.

Afternoon Session

2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
3:00 p. m.—Biblical Recorder, by R. N. Butler.
3:30 p. m.—Ministerial Relief, by G. H. Starling.

Thursday Morning.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises, by J. L. Williams.
9:30 a. m.—Temperance, by J. A. Baggett.
10:00 a. m.—State and Associational Missions, by C. M. Hall and W. M. Huggins.
10:30 a. m.—Condition of churches, by S. A. Howard.
11:00 a. m.—Baptist Education, by J. E. Horne.
11:30 a. m.—Missionary Sermon, by Rev. J. O. Tew.

Afternoon Session.

2:00 p. m.—General business and report of committees.
2:30 p. m.—Home and Foreign Missions, by A. E. Royal and D. W. Tew.
3:00 p. m.—Orphanage, by S. L. Jackson.
3:30 p. m.—Woman's Work, by Mrs. Virginia Royal.

Friday Morning.

9:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises, L. H. Honeycutt.
9:30 a. m.—Obituaries, by Rev. R. Honeycutt.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School, by A. P. Howard.
10:30 a. m.—Laymen's movement, by E. A. Jackson.
11:00 a. m.—Young People's Union, by Haywood Lockerman.
11:30 a. m.—Colportage and Literature by Rev. W. J. Jones.
12:00 M. —Miscellaneous business and adjournment

H. G. SESSOMS
J. L. AUTRY
R. L. HALL
Commitee.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS.

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, with all objects of our convention may be sent direct to Walter Durham, Raleigh, N.C., or may be sent along with Associational Mission money to the Unions or to the Association, stating in each case the amount the object and the church, and keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

Long Branch Baptist Church,
November 15, 1916.

The South River Association met in its Fortieth Annual Session, with Long Branch Baptist Church according to invitation and appointment at 11:00 a. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. E. Dupree. Lesson subject Love, 3rd, Chapter 1st, Corinthians. Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 p. m. Association convened by the Moderator. First business was organization. Election of officers for the ensuing year as follows:

C. M. Hall, Moderator; D. M. Williford, Clerk and Treasurer.

Moderator appoints the following committees:

On Digest—Brother W. J. Jones and J. E. Dupree.

Finance—Geo. R. Barefoot and G. B. Bedsole.

To Nominate Executive Board—Autry Baggett, Sion Horne and M. W. Naylor.

Ordained Ministers present—J. E. Dupree, W. J. Jones, W. H. Barnes, M. W. Naylor.

Visiting Brethren presen—Rev. C. D. Peterson from the Eastern Association and W. M. Huggings from the Little River Association.

List of churches called and four responded. By motion report on Biblical Recorder be laid over until tomorrow and Bro. W. M. Huggins is to make this report in Brother J. A. Baggett's place as he cannot be present.

Report on Associational Missions, by Rev J. E. Dupree and discussed by Brother Dupree, Rev. W. J. Jones, Brother S. A. Howard, and Revs. W. H. Barnes and M. W. Naylor. By motion report is adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

In the past much has been said both in our Associations and Union Meetings relative to our Associational work, but for the last three years during which time the writer has been in the South River Association, there has been little or no progress made. It has been "all talk and no do." As the devil said when he sheared the hog: "There is a great cry and but little wool."

The trouble seems to me to be a hurtful spirit of independence in our churches, rather than a healthy and helpful spirit of interdependence. The spirit of co-operation among our churches is not what it should be, and until a true spirit of co-operation is brought about, the work of our established churches, as well as that of our mission points is going to continue to fall short of what it should be.

Three things in which there seems especial need of co-operation are:

1. In forming fields.
2. In holding Mission Institutes.
3. In developing systematic giving.

It is therefore recommended that a standing committee of five be appointed to take charge of this forward looking work of development and co-operation, and they arrange a campaign to visit all our churches and assist them through the coming year in enlistment and co-operation. Respectfully submitted, J. E. DUPREE,
For the committee.

Report on Temperance read by Brother J. H. Warren; discussed by Revs. J. E. Dupree and W. H. Barnes. By motion report is adopted as read. On motion a committee is appointed by this Association to draw a petition, that there might be others copied and circulated throughout the Association, to present to the next General Assembly in the interest of the Temperance cause. The Moderator appoints the following committee: J. E. Dupree, W. J. Jones and S. A. Howard.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

In our nation, prohibition is making wonderous progress so far as prohibitory laws go. The State of Virginia, from which most of the whiskey has come to this State since we have had prohibition, went dry the first of this month; for which we should be profoundly thankful. But while we have prohibition in name, and under present laws, conditions are much improved over former years. Yet we have not reached the goal for which all Christians should strive in many sections especially during the fall and winter months. We not only fall short of prohibition but intemperance and drunkness prevails to an alarming and disgraceful extent. Under our present law citizens are allowed to make cider and wine of their fruits and this curse is proving very demoralizinz in many sections. Some steps should be taken to control this evil and your committee would recommend, that the churches of the South River Association petition the next legislature to incorporate every Baptist church in our Association, prohibiting the manufacture or sale of cider or wine; the territory for each church extending as far as present laws will allow. We further recommend that other evangelical denominations in our territory be asked to unite with us in this work, having their churches incorporated also. Respectfully submitted, JAMES H. WARREN.

On motion a committee is appointed to group the churches in this Association the moderator to act as chairman and select the other committees to serve with him. The moderator appoints as assistants—E. T. Turlington, S. A. Howard, J. H. Warren and D. M. Williford. Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning

9:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises, by Rev. M. W. Naylor.

Moderator convened the Association.

Visiting Brethern present—Dr. R. T. Vann from the Central Association; Brother J. S. Farmer, representing Biblical Recorder, and Brother F. B. Hammick, representing Thomasville Orphanage.

Moderator appoints the following committees:

To nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—E. T. Turlington, J. H. Warren and W. H. Barnes.

To nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention—Autry Baggett, D. M. Williford and Chas. Autry.

Committee to locate next session of Association and select preachers—T. L. Hall, J. D. Page and J. W. Matthews.

Report on Biblical Recorder was next on the program; Brother J. S. Farmer being present, very ably discussed the Recorder in advance of the report. Brother W. M. Huggins, who was to make the report was not present. Report of the Recorder as follows:

The Biblical Recorder is Eighty-one years old and the history is largely contained in that of our denomination in North Carolina. It has been so closely associated with every object of our convention that a history of one would be the history of the other. It has been a loyal supporter of every great achievement made by the Baptists in our state, and never in the past has it been more efficient than it is today, as its name implies it is distinctively Biblical and stands for the doctrine of salvation as taught in the Bible. We need the Recorder in our homes, because it brings us each week information about the work of our denomination, gives us impulses for good, adds interest and enthusiasm to our religious lives, sets up the Christian Ideal in the home, helps in the development of the local church and unites us as a denomination. It is the pastors assistant and goes into the homes each week and stands for the same things the pastors stand for and has for its aim the ultimate evangelization of the whole world. The committee urges the pastors of this Association to help extend its circulation within its borders.

Respectfully submitted, W. M. HUGGINS, Committee

REPORT ON BAPTIST EDUCATION

There was no paper given on this subject when the time arrived for its discussion. Dr. R. T. Vann gave a most masterful address,showing why the church ought to educate. At the close of his address, Rev. W. J. Jones offered a motion that we ask the churches to give two fifths as much for Education as for State Missions, and that the South River Association adopt the conventions plan throughout in contributing to Education. Motion was carried. The following resolution was offered by Rev. W. J. Jones. That this Association use the first two days for general work of the Association and the last day special or local work; which by motion was adopted. Report on condition of our churches by Brother W. J. Jones who ably discussed the matter. By motion report is adopted.

CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES

If I recall correctly when this subject was given me it was intended that I give the condition of the churches in our own Association. After having studied the situation I find that a few of our churches have gone forward and are somewhat spiritual, but for the most part, our churches are making little or no progress. They lack in spirituality, in interest, in system, and in leadership. A reference to our minutes shows that many of these churches are just as much babies as they were when I first knew them; something like eight or nine years ago. Many of them have no Sunday School in winter, no prayer meetings at any time, no Young People's meeting or B. Y. P. U., no Mission study classes, no Royal Ambassadors, no Sunbeam Societies, no Y. W. A., no Woman's Missionary Societies, no Layman's Movements and many of them discourage extra rooms for Sunday schools.

They possess a great spiritual capacity and because of this spiritual inclination they have been greatly attracted and influenced by the wrong kind of evangelism which swept over this section of the State.

Our ministry has been, and is for the most part, untrained, and seems somewhat doomed to remain so, because the laiety is unwilling to pay enough to give the ministers the wherewith, to buy books, take trips for study, and to have meat and bread enough at home to be at ease long enough to study and prepare for leadership. The preacher of this Association is compelled to farm, teach school, or write Insurance to suplement his salary. God has given our people money, but they are not giving it back to Him. Men come to our Unions and Associations who have their thousands, but they will not give. In some Associations men of great means open their hearts and pocket books and put men in the field to do enlistment work. colportage, and preach and build up the weak places, but our men of wealth will not turn loose their money.

We need leaders, trained leaders, saved leaders and spirit filled leaders. May God give them to us this year is my prayer.

Prayerfully submitted, W. J. JONES

Committee to nominate member of State Board: R. N. Butler, S. L. Jackson and J. L. Williams.

Committee on Program: H. G. Sessoms, J. L. Autry and R. L. Hall.

Auditing Committee: H. J. Hall and J. T. Williams.

11:30 a. m.—Missionary Sermon, by Rev. W. M. Huggins. Text—Mat. 28. 18-20.

After the sermon a collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $10.57.

Brother W. N. Johnson from the Raleigh Association and L. B. Olive, representing Dell School, report present who were accorded a hearty welcome by the Moderator. Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Association convened by the Moderator led in prayer by Brother W. N. Johnson. List of churches called and 23 responded. The following committees report: to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention: Rev. W. J. Jones. To nominate Executive Board as follows: E. T. Turlington chairman, H. G. Sessoms, Secy.; C. M. Hall, Treas.; S. A. Howard, G. W. Starling, D. W. Tart, S. L. Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

SION HORN
AUTRY BAGGETT
M. W. NAYLOR, Com.

Committee to locate next session of the Association.

Report Mill Creek church as the place for the next Association.

Committee to nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Report Brother C. S. Royal as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Report on State Missions read by Brother S. A. Howard; discussed by Brother W. N. Johnson, W. J. Jones. By motion report is adopted as read.

There was added to the above report request Brother W. J. Jones that every delegate present go back to their respective churches and ask them to take up a special collection for State Mission next Sunday morning.

STATE MISSION REPORT OF SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1916.

State Mission Work in N. C., was put on a basis of $55,000. This year there are 148 Missionaries on our roll. They are serving 266 churches and preaching at 20 Mission points in North Carolina. The State Board of Missions is helping the work in 45 Associations. In North Carolina the work will not be complete until God's Kingdom has fully come. Then let us put on the whole armor of God and help North Carolina become the ideal Christian place of the world. But the facts show that North Carolinas' spiritual growth has not been keeping pace with her material growth. So we see the need of increasing our State Mission forces and making our spiritual growth not only equal but superior to our material. We can do this by adopting the plans of organized work in each of our churches recommended by the Baptist State Convention. Let us line up with our State leaders and enlist in each one of our churches every member into active service. Every church should organize its forces into Sunbeam Bands, Y. W. A. Bands, Royal Ambassador, Woman's Missionary Societies, Men's Missionary Societies, and especially a B. Y. P. U. should be organized in every church for the development of our young men and women in the systematic study of the Bible and church. The saving of the lost and the development of the saved is the fundamental work of State Missions. Upon the success of State Missions depends the success of the Home and Foreign Missions. Let us push all along the line yes push and plan and pray that the $55,000 may be received before November 30th, so there may be no debt on our State Mission Board. There are 26,800 white Baptist members in the churches of North Carolina to pay this amount so you see what an insignificant amount for each member only a fraction over 2 cents per member. Let us adopt the systematic and scriptural plan of giving in our churches recommended by our State Secretary Rev. W. N. Johnson. S. A. HOWARD Com.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Read by Rev. M. W. Naylor; discussed by Brother Naylor and Brother F. B. Hamrick. On motion report is adopted.

This institution is about thirty-one years old. It has been a channel through which seventeen hundred orphan children have been greatly helped to hold its opportunity—it must have the sympathy and co-operation of our brotherhood. The managers have done well and wrought well the need of our support and encouragement. The increased cost of living is a call to us for larger contributions. Without increased help on our part it looks like there will have to be a decreased number of children kept in the orphanage. We cannot allow that. We therefore ask that each church in this Association hold a thanks-giving service and make earnest request for each member to contribute at least the earnings of one day's work to this great and worthy object. From this Association there are seven children at the orphanage which costs somebody about $775.00 a year. We gave last year about $440.00 which left $335.00 for somebody else to pay. You can further recommend the Association to set aside one Sunday in each month for the Orphanage, and that we endeavor to make an increased offering to this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted, M. W. NAYLOR, Com.

Brother L. B. Olive who was to report on the Young People's Union, for the lack of time, left the report until tomorrow in care of Brother W. J. Jones, and he very ably entertained us for a little while about the work at Dell School, and also Brother W. J. Jones concerning the work at Pineland School for Girls at Salemburg. On motion the clerk is asked to prepare a chart with any assistance he may need for next year, so the reading of the church letter at our next Association may be dispensed with. Report of Executive Board read by Brother H. G. Sessoms. By motion report is adopted.

We the Executive Board of the South River Association make the following report:

By ballance on hand from year 1915	$ 99.32
Received during year	159.62
Received Parkersburg church	19.00
Total	$277.94

Disbursements

B. F. Deloach	$ 22.50
Minute fund	13.00
Parkersburg Church	19.00
W. H. Barnes	61.00
Haywood Lockerman	10.00
W. J. Jones	25.00
J. W. Cobb	36.00
Total	$186.50
To ballance on hand	$ 91.44

During the year we have assisted the following churches: Mintz, Browns, Pleasant Union, Parkersburg, Mt. Vernon, Royals Chapel and Godwin.

The Board regrets to state that the receipts continue to grow lighter. The board thanks each church for its co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted, E. T. TURLINGTON Chm. Com.

Report on order of business for next session of the South River Association read by Brother R. L. Hall. By motion report is adopted. For reference to report, see page 2. Brother R. N. Butler Treasurer, offers his report which is audited and found correct as follows:

Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning.

Treasurer's Report

From November 16th, 1915 to November 16th, 1916 received from all sources	$309.65

Disbursements

D. M. Williford Minutes	$ 33.38
Orphanage	60.42
Treasurer Baptist State Convention	147.87
C. M. Hall Association Missions	57.68
Rev. W. M. Page M. R.	10.30
Total	$309.65

Respectfully submitted, R. N. BUTLER, Treasurer.

Found Correct:

J. T. WILLIAMS

H. J. HALL

Committee.

FRIDAY MORNING

9 o'clock A. M.—Devotional exercises by S. L. Jackson. Association called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Report on Home and Foreign Missions read by Rev. C. D. Peterson; discussed by Brother Peterson, Mrs. W. J. Jones and Brother W. J. Jones, S. L. Jackson, Rev. J. E. Dupree, Brother C. M. Hall and Rev. W. H. Barnes. By motion the Report is adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

In a day when America was isolated from the world, Daniel Webster said: "Let our object be our country, our whole country and nothing but our country." Now that America is a world of power, with a similar patriotism and a larger responsibility it behooves us to say: "Let our object be our country, our whole country, for our country's sake and for the sake of all countries."

In the providence of God, America has been forced to take her place as a world power and both gratitude and a godly fear become us as we behold that power being used among nations for justice and peace. In China, Cuba and the Phillippines, our nation gave a foretoken that her part among the nations was not to exploit others for selfish ends, but to help and bless. In war-torn Mexico and in Europe, riven by the greatest conflict of the ages, America is with a tremendous sense of responsibility seeking to establish that peace and love which Christ brought upon earth.

In the present political campaign, the gauge of conflict for ballots is pitched upon the high plane of patriotism, justice, brotherly love and Americanism. It is of great significance that the first time America was ever tried to the center, what she has as a world power, she is striking out on the high note of human rights and brotherhood. The reports of speeches in our recent national political conventions read like speeches on Home Missions. This will have a profound and blessed influence on the Home Mission propaganda.

There was never a time which so forcefully vindicated the inconspicuous but untiring work of those holy men of God, the missionaries and pioneer preachers, whose voices throughout our entire history have carried the gospel to the homes and the hearts of men in all the length and breadth of the land. Never before was there presented to American Christians a challenge so strong, both in this vindication of Home Mission Work and in the great and urgent needs which still beckon us on to mightier efforts.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Georgia, has for seventy-one years been the exponent of our united Southern Baptist body for saving our own land. The story of the achievements of its missionaries in bringing lost men to Christ surpasses that of any similar agency in America. Last year the number of baptisms reported by its workers was 43,792 and the number brought into the churches was 71,386. After the Negro baptisms are counted out, twenty percent of the baptisms reported by Southern Baptist churches last year were by missionaries supported wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board and thirteen percent by missionaries supported by no other agency than the Home Mission Board.

At the same time, our Board through its Enlistment Department and Mission Schools and otherwise, is doing each year a larger work of developing the unplanted life in our churches—which is missions and which is today one of the most strenuous and appealing tasks that still confronts us. Baptists both count and weigh, but the very largeness of our successful outreach has made for us an intensive task which may well cause us to tremble with a sense of responsibility, while it should also make us rejoice with a realization of our almost unmatched opportunity.

For the first time in many years our Board reported at the last Convention a significant debt of $72,000. At the same time if the $102,000 be counted which was raised in cash and subscriptions during the year for the Church Building Loan Fund, the record for the year was more than $50,000 above the year preceding.

Deeply impressed with the large and crying needs which are to/be met in the present year, our Board, at the Annual Meeting in May was not daunted. The debt was put in the budget of the present year. Some retrenchment was necessary where retrenchment cut to the quick, but our Board felt that it must do what it believed the churches would have to do and is confident that the present year's work will surpass even the splendid record of the past year.

Cuba, Panama, Co-operative Missions, Evangelism, Church Building, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians, Negroes, Educational Publicity, Enlistment—each of these names covers great and needed activities of the Board—some larger than others—all essential. In this report it is impossible to tell of all these tasks, but this is done in the Board's admirable tracts and Annual Report, which may be had for the asking.

We recommend:

1. That our churches be encouraged and urged to order and make a larger use of the Board's free tracts on Home Mission and of its admirable Mission Study Books, suitable either for classes, the general reader, or for use in prayer meeting talks and sermons. These books sound a needed note of denominational loyalty.

2. That subscribers be gotten in every church for the Home Field and for its successor, combined Home and Foreign Mission magazine, to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee.

3. Inasmuch as our Board is not making an extra appeal to raise the balance of the debt we feel that each of our churches should be all the more determined to raise its full apportionment for Home Missions and that the money should be raised and sent in regularly, rather than at the close of the year.

4. To this end we recommend that the Association adopt as its apportionment $_______________, the amount suggested by our State Apportionment Committee, and that our executive committee(or a special committee) be requested to apportion this among the churches, and that this apportionment be printed in our minutes.

Respectfully submitted, C. D. PETERSON, Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Virginia, in its last report tells of a year of triumphant success both at home and abroad. The total contributions for the year, including amount raised on the debt and on the Judson Centinnial Fund, were $806,729. The only drawback on the year's work was the fact that the contributions for the current support amounting to $518,323, left a deficit which, combined with the old debt made a total indebtedness of $180,000. During the meeting of the Convention in Asheville a great movement was started for the purpose of paying off this heavy indebtedness, and many of our brethern and sisters have made beautiful and joyful responses to this appeal.

The campaign to raise the Judson Centennial Fund of $1,250,000 has been successful. There is need that our pastors encourage the prompt collection of the subscriptions to this fund.

During the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized and 77 churches instituted. Our foreign missionaries now number 315, of whom 133 are men and 182 women. The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632 organized into 459 churches, 95 of which are self-supporting. The native Christians contributed $129,561 to the work in their midst. We have 462 Sunday schools which report 10,490 scholars. There are 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these mission schools six are Women's Bible Training Schools, with 2[illegible] students, and ten are Theological Training Schools, with 191 students. We have now 19 medical missionaries, 9 hospitals, and 10 dispensaries. Our medical missionaries treated 74,866 patients last year.

Attention should be called to the great strides which the native churches are taking toward self-support, self-government and self-propagation. One field will serve to illustrate this. In Brazil the per capita gifts for all objects is $5.72. Our Brazilian Baptists have their own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Amongst our members in foreign lands there are many tithers. There are indeed churches which make tithing a test of fellowship. Many churches in the foreign fields are building their own houses of worship, paying the salaries of their pastors, and contributing to the support of missionary work in their own lands and elsewhere. Native workers are being trained, and as we look into the near and far future the outlook is indeed bright.

Like everything that grows, our Foreign Mission work has increasing necessities. Our success has carried us into a situation from which there is no turning back and which lays new claims upon us. We have tasks which we can neither turn loose nor turn over to others. To turn loose means to ignore opportunities, forsake convert and churches or turn them over to other denominations. We ought not to do either. Perhaps there is nothing connected with Foreign Missions so imperfectly understood by the masses of our people as this of the unescapable necessities of the work. Conditions at home may be pieced out by other means, and in emergencies matters can be deferred for the time being, but such is not the case on the foreign fields where foreign missionary salaries and other items have to be met.

We would urge that our churches make use of the many free tracts which can be secured from the Foreign Mission Board.

The Convention at Asheville ordered the consolidation of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field into one magazine to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. This consolidation magazine will still be the organ through which the Board and its missionaries will be able to speak most effectively to the churches at home. It is of very great importance that all the churches take steps immediately looking to a large circulation of this magazine.

In addition to the mass of material in tract from the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board calls special attention to the mission study class method. We would urge that a larger number of classes be organized to study the latest Foreign Board Report which will be put into text-book from, and can be secured from the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia. This report is a valuable study on ourown foreign mission work. We wish that a large number of our men and young people would study the Report in mission study classes or discussion groups, and that the women would see to it that special classes are organized for the men and young people, or that these be invited to the sessions of the women's classes.

In view of the imperative need of re-enforcement on all our foreign fields and the very great importance of meeting the current support of this work and avoiding another debt, we recommend that this association divide among the churches on an equitable basis the apportionment for this year, and earnestly urge the churches to undertake to raise the amounts asked of them before April 30, 1917. The amount asked of this State is $55,000, of which this association is asked to give____________

In order to save thelarge amount of interest paid out on borrowed money, we earnestly suggest that our churches send in their contributions regularly each month through the regular channels. We recommend the Every Member Canvass and Systematic Giving as the Biblical plan for contributing to foreign missions.

In a thousand ways God is calling upon Southern Baptists to make a great advance in Foreign Mission work. We would plead that sacrificial effort and constant prayer for the success of this year be practiced in all the churches. C. D. PETERSON.

WOMAN'S WORK

Report on Woman's work read by Mrs. C. S. Royal; discussed by Mrs. Royal. By motion is adopted.

For twenty years a few faithful women have been trying to organize and maintain Missionary societies in the churches of this Association. The progress has seemed slow and at times some have felt like giving up in despair. And yet, if our pastors and churches will fully co-operate with us; we feel that we are now in a position to do better work for God than ever before.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. S. ROYAL.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Report on Ministerial Relief read by Rev. C. D. Peterson; discussed by Brother Peterson.. By motion Report is adopted as read.

Amid the many objects that claim our attention each of which is vital and important, there is one which should not be overlooked. That is the relief of the aged preachers or pastor who has given his life, his service, and his best manhood, to the cause of his Lord and Master, telling the sweet story of the cross pleading with men to leave off sin and come to Jesus. His heart and mind given completely to this glorious task, not much preparation has been made for a home, so by and by, old age comes on and nothing is laid up for a rainy day.

So hungry, bent over with old age, scanty clothing they march on to the grave.

So if there is oneobject that we should love, cherish and foster it should be the case of our worn out preachers who have given the best of their lives to lead us to light, life and salvation.

Respectfully submitted, C. D. PETERSON, Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Read by Brother M. W. Naylor; discussed by Brother Naylor. By motion Report is addopted. Report: the modern Sunday School began September 7, 1785, with William Fox in the lead. It has a great strength but it has grown wonderfully. In the start they tried the plan of paying teachers and failed. Then they took money out of the way and then they could do business. So much so that today it is a mighty force in the world. We do the work as a free-will service, but it takes money to run its government. The purpose of the Sunday School is to win the lost to Christ. It should be related to the church. So as to have backing, the workers of the church are mostly from the ranks of the S. S.. If the Sunday School lags the church will also lag but make the Sunday School grow and the church will grow. We recommend that our people push this great work on to still greater success for the sake of the world and for the glory of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted, M. W. NAYLOR, Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The committee not present with any report for the year. Brother M. W. Naylor who had been appointed as obituary committee in the death of Brother J. B. Downing, submits the following report, which by motion is adopted:

Resolution of honor and respect J. B. Downing.

83 years ago somewhere in Cumberland County doubtless in an humble home was a little jewel borned they called it John perhaps in honor of the beloved disciple. How much hope and love clustered around the little boy we cannot know but we are impressed that Jno. B. Downing had a fine beginning, for we find that he made a great impression on the world in his day and time. He went through the civil war; was captured at the fall of Fort Fisher and taken to Elmira, N. Y. and remained there a prisoner of war till the surrender. He was a farmer and land surveyor. He was intelligent, a good advisor, a great leader in his church and community. He was a member of Concord church and was clerk for a number of years. He was the first clerk of the South River Association, and held that position a long time. He was chairman of the Executive board for a number of years. He served well in all these places of honor. He was born June 2nd, 1833, and died May 9th, 1916.

M. W. NAYLOR, Committee.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

By D. W. Tart; was not ready and by motion Brother Tart is requested to turn report over to the clerk when ready. Report on Young People's work was turned over to Brother W. J. Jones to be prepared and handed in to the clerk in time to get in the minutes. Neither of the above reports have been handed in.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE AND LITERATURE

By Brother W. H. Barnes; discussed by Brother Barnes and Brother S. A. Howard and E. T. Turlington. By motion report is adopted.

This great work has been neglected in our Association, which of course, is a very important matter, as it pertains to the teaching of our people. We believe this Association ought to work to that end to have this great work carried out by someone to go all over this Association, canvass, take subscriptions for our religious papers and distribute Bibles and good literature.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. BARNES, Committee.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended our former treasurer and worthy Brother R. N. Butler for the faithful and efficient services rendered this Association as treasurer for many years, also a vote of thanks is extended to the good people of Long Branch and vicinity for their kind hospitality during this Association.

LIST OF DELEGATES FROM EACH CHURCH

Antioch—J. L. Williams, Arthur Baggett, T. V. Lee.
Autryville—L. M. Cooper, J. L. Autry, R. L. Hall.
Baptist Chapel—W. W. Bass, J. A. Wrench, N. T. Williams C. B. Honeycutt, O. C. Page.
Beulah—John B. Raynor.
Browns—S. H. Jordan, I. B. Flowers, W. C. Howard.
Center—J. B. Page, F. A. Royal, J. T. Williams.
Clement—A. R. Bullard, M. M. Williams, O. D. Matthews.
Corinth—M. D. Honeycutt, M. S. Lewis, L. D. Butler.
Concord—K. L. Davis, E. W. Jackson, W. J. Horne.
Elizabeth—L. W. Hobbs, E. H. Faircloth, V. L. West.
Godwin—J. M. Jones, G. H. Starling, Duncan Pope.
Hickory Grove—A. B. Gilbert, J. A. Warren, J. C. Herring.
Long Branch—J. H. Averitte, J. F. Naylor, J. S. Riley.
Macedonia—G. F. Carter, M. F. Starling, J. S. Starling.
Mary's Chapel—
Mill Creek—J. O. Hain, J. W. Williamson, Wade Sessoms.
Mintz—Eli Coper, Chas. Butler, C. B. Horne.
Mingo—Autry Baggett, M. Hair, G. R. Barefoot.
Mount-Elam—D. M. Warren, R. P. Jackson, Avery Strickland.
Mount Vernon—.
Piney Green—L. H. Honeycutt, Harvey Simpson, R. L. Matthews.
Pleasant Union—A. L. Lucas, D. Parker, M. O. Butler.
Parkersburg—E. D. Hall D. W. Horne, W. C. Melvin.
Roseboro—D. W. Tart, W. O. Mills, W. J. Butler.
Royals Chapel—
Salemburg—J. L. Holland, Chas. Autry, A. F. Cooper, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. Virginia Royals.
Spring Branch—M. W. Naylor, D. M. Williford, S. L. Jackson, J. M. Jackson, W. N. Dixon.
Union Grove—J. W. Matthews, W. B. Honeycutt, Robert Royal.
White Oak—O. H. Holland, Percy Owen, R. A. Butler, Lula Butler, Lula Wilson.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the preceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extent the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through the church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS PER LETTER

Received by the treasurer a total for all objects	$ 489.80
A collection taken for Foreign Missions	10.57
Total amount received	$500.37

Which amount is apportioned by the treasurer as follows:

Associational Missions	$ 186.40
For State Missions	55.00
For Home Missions	29.12
For Foreign Missions	69.57
For Orphanage	115.30
For Christian Education	6.95
For Ministerial Relief	6.28
For Minutes, etc.	31.75
Total	$500.37

TABLE I—STATISTCAL

CHURCH	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses.			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	J. L. Williams, Dunn R. 4	3-Sat-Su	$1500.00	2	4	---	1	2	1	33	54	87
Autryville	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	R. L. Hall, Autryville	Second	500.00	8	9	---	1	---	2	45	76	121
Baptist Chapel	J. O. Tew, Cooper	E. A. Jackson, Cooper	2&4 Su.	1000.00	11	2	---	3	2	1	108	147	255
Beulah	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Browns	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	W. C. Howard, Clinton	Fourth	600.00	2	3	---	5	15	3	18	29	47
Center	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	J. T. Williams, Wade	Third	800.00	10	3	---	---	---	2	40	58	98
Clement	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	J. T. Royal, Autryville	Third	500.00	2	4	---	5	7	---	55	89	144
Corinth	H. D. Lockerman, Clinton	Fred Royal, Clinton R. 1	First	1350.00	1	2	---	2	2	---	36	44	80
Concord	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	---	---	---	---	2	4	7	6	---	50	116	166
Elizabeth	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	A. H. McLemore, Roseboro	Second	200.00	2	4	---	7	1	---	64	92	156
Godwin	J. W. Cobb, Lumber Bridge	J. M. Starling, Godwin	First	2600.00	1	3	---	5	---	2	31	33	64
Hickory Grove	J. E. Dupree, Salemburg	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	Second	500.00	---	---	---	---	1	---	29	48	77
Long Branch	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	J. S. Riley, Haynes	Second	800.00	10	---	---	---	---	3	40	72	112
Macedonia	R. L. Byrd, St. Pauls	A. L. Carter, Fayetteville 5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mary's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mill Creek	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	J. A. Horne, Roseboro	Fourth	600.00	---	3	1	1	5	1	26	48	74
Mintz	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	Lucile Lyon,	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	24
Mingo	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. A. Baggett, Cooper, R. 1	Second	1500.00	9	3	---	11	---	---	31	31	62
Mount Elam	J. O. Tew, Cooper	W. R. Warren, Huntley R 1	Third	500.00	---	3	2	3	5	1	65	107	172
Mount Vernon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Piney Green	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	H. G. Sessoms, Huntley	Fourth	2000.00	---	---	---	---	5	2	75	106	181
Pleasant Union	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	J. E. Horne, Autryville	Second	500.00	5	1	2	1	2	1	30	56	86
Parkersburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	W. C. Melvin, Parkersburg	First	800.00	---	---	---	2	---	1	7	12	19
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	1st&3rd	8,000.00	3	24	1	8	---	---	44	56	100
Royal's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	2nd-4th.	3000.00	15	10	---	10	1	---	89	129	218
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell Buie's Creek	D. M. Wiliford, Dunn R. 1	1st-3rd.	4000.00	20	9	1	10	1	3	197	197	394
Union Grove	John Prevatt, Buie	R. C. Howard, Autryvile	Fourth	1000.00	---	---	---	2	3	1	37	38	75
White Oak	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	Webster Crumpler, Roseboro	4-Sat-Sun.	650.00	16	6	---	6	---	2	48	36	84

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	$ 100.00	$ 50.00	$ 1.00	$12.52		$ 1.00	$10.78	$ 5.00	$ 2.55	$ 1.67	$ .50	$10.00	$	$	$	$17.36	$ 212.38
Autryville	125.00	456.21	83.12	36.00			19.17	4.95	5.00	10.00	4.85	30.09				8.27	783.06
Baptist Chapel	200.00			16.24	20.22	1.50	25.00	13.77	5.00	25.00		75.00	4.80	2.95	1.65	13.40	404.53
Beulah						1.00		1.00									
Browns	50.00																
Center	100.00			3.75		1.00	7.60	2.50	2.00	2.50		9.64	2.50	2.50		33.15	167.14
Clement	135.87	8.70		9.71		2.00	5.00	5.40	10.50	10.20	2.01	15.05				81.50	285.94
Corinth	100.00	15.00		12.00		1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.65	1.00				134.65
Concord	100.00							2.33	2.15	5.02							109.50
Elizabeth	100.00			15.00			1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	5.36		.50	.50			127.36
Godwin	125.00					1.00		5.00	1.38	5.00	2.72	4.05	1.50	1.36			147.01
Hickory Grove	80.75		12.32	8.27		1.00	5.00	7.11	3.00			16.47	.66	2.00			136.58
Long Branch	60.00	50.50		6.00		1.00		6.40									123.40
Macedonia						.75	7.00					6.00					13.75
Mary's Chapel																	
Mill Creek	100.00	88.17				1.25	4.30	2.21	4.23	2.45		5.25					209.00
Mints	48.00			5.00		.80	2.00	1.20	.50	.50		2.00					60.00
Mingo	75.00	96.94	.95	8.00		1.00	7.50	6.50	5.00	7.50	23.41	25.00		2.28		41.20	300.28
Mount Elam	125.00			13.29	4.25	2.00	14.98		2.89	5.12		25.55		5.00		20.65	218.73
Mount Vernon																	
Piney Green	100.00		18.50	25.70	40.86	1.50	14.90	5.00	5.00	5.00		25.11				13.00	254.57
Pleasant Union																	
Parkeresburg		250.00	24.00														274.00
Roseboro	300.00		36.30	20.15	6.03	2.00	21.00	7.25	9.85	17.45		30.70				5.00	
Royal's Chapel																	
Salemburg	600.00	357.55	86.00	32.18	51.50	5.00	75.00	85.00	75.91	144.53	5.00	113.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	363.40	2039.07
Spring Branch	425.00		133.31	79.67	50.00	4.00	28.48	98.65	168.61	337.23		225.00	20.00	13.82	6.00	22.00	1611.77
Union Grove	100.00			16.25	10.00	1.25	4.00	10.00		3.75		21.00		2.00			168.25
White Oak	148.00			5.94			5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	25.00				4.00	207.94

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	G. W. Starling, Godwin	H. R. Starling, Godwin	1	9	77	86		12	2	$12.02	$ .50	$	$	$ 12.52
Autryville	E. V. Cooper, Autryville	Olivia Hall, Autryville	1	7	87	94	35	12	7	12.37	4.85	14.39	4.39	36.00
Baptist Chapel	W. W. Bass, Cooper ✓	Olivia Culbreth, Cooper	1	9	166	175	100	12		16.24				16.24
Beulah														
Browns	Thomas James, Clinton	Mattie Flowers, Clinton	1	5	35	40		6						
Center	M. F. House, Wade	W. A. Royal, Wade, N. C.	1	7	76	83	56	12	7	3.75		3.64	5.95	13.35
Clement	A. I. Mathews, Autryville ✓	Royal Hays, Cooper N. C.	1	7	131	138	118	12	1	5.75	2.01	1.95		9.71
Corinth	H. D. Lockerman, Clinton ✓	Winnie Royal, Clinton,	1	5	104	109	60	9	1		1.00			
Concord														
Elizabeth	R. E. Hobbs, Roseboro ✓	Rebecca Rich, Parkersburg	1	7	102	109	68	10	2	15.00	1.90			16.90
Godwin	Duncan Pope, Godwin	J. H. Pope, Godwin	1	8	66	74	32	12	1	8.00	2.72	5.00		15.72
Hickory Grove	I. T. McLamb, Clinton ✓		1	7	103	110	40	9		8.27				8.27
Long Branch	G. B. Bledsoe, Autryville ✓	Hettie Vinson, Autryville	1	7	100	107	45	10	6					
Macedonia														
Mary's Chapel														
Mill Creek	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro	Ettie Sessoms, Roseboro	1	7	55	62	27	12						
Mingo	J. A. Baggett, Cooper R. 1	Alden Baggett, Dunn R. 1	1	6	79	85	47	12	5	8.00	23.41	25.00		56.41
Mints										5.00				5.00
Mount Elam	Ira Baggett, Huntley ✓	W. R. Warren, Huntley	1	7	110	117	85	9		13.29				13.29
Mount Vernon														
Piney Green	Radford Fann, Huntley ✓	Sarah Strickland, Huntley	1	12	240	252		12		25.70				25.70
Pleasant Union														
Parkersburg														
Roseboro	J. Abner Barker, Roseboro ✓	Foy Simmons, Roseboro	1	7	115	122	50	12	3	20.15		16.55	328.45	365.15
Royal's Chapel														
Salemburg	J. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	1	11	261	272		12	15	32.18	13.88	30.00	23.40	99.46
Spring Branch	O. D. Strickland, Dunn ✓	Jas. O. Newton, Dunn	1	16	214	230		12	10	79.67				79.67
Union Grove	A. K. Hall, Cooper	Lula Williams, Autryville	1	9	70	79	30	10						
White Oak	A. R. Crumpler, Clinton ✓	Percy Owens, Clinton	1	10	100	110	48	9	16	5.94		5.33		11.27

THE WOMAN'S ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

of

SOUTH RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the

Church at Salemburg, N. C.

The Third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1916.

OFFICERS

Chairman of Meeting	Mrs. W. J. Jones
Secretary	Miss Pearl Howard
Superintendent of the Association	Mrs. C. S. Royal

ANNUAL WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION AND W. M. U. MEETING

The women of South River Association met in annual session at the Baptist Church, Salemburg, N. C., October 21, 1916.

Promptly at eleven o'clock the meeting was calleed to order with Mrs. S. A. Howard in the chair and Miss Pearl Howard, acting secretary in the absence of permanent secretary, now Mrs. R. L. Pittman, Lylesville, N. C. A meeting of real stamina and dignity was opened with the very popular Sunday School hymn, "Stepping In the Light," most enthusiastically participated in by practically everyone present. Devotional exercises were conducted in her own simple, but impressive way by Mrs. W. J. Watson, Roseboro. The opening prayer was made by Mrs. Ann E. White. The congregation again united in singing "He Leadeth Me." Just here Mr. Jones, pastor, asked God's blessing on the occasion. Then followed a very fitting, origininal and particularly cordial welcome by Mrs. Ann White, Salemburg, N. C. the oldest active member of South River Association. Mrs. Wilson of White Oak made a very clever response bringing greeting in behalf of those present and expressing regrets that more churches were not represented. The roll of churches was called, and the following were represented by delegates and letter on objects stated:

Salemburg W. M. S.
Salemburg Y. W. A.
Salemburg S. B.
Roseboro W. M. S.
Roseboro S. B.
White Oak W. M. S.
White Oak S. B.
Baptist Chapel Y. W. A.
Clement Y. W. A.
Mingo W. M. S.
Mingo S. B.
Piney Green S. B.
The following were represented by letter only:
Mary's Chapel W. M. S.
Mt. Elam S. B.
Corinth S. B.

Mrs. Kate Butler, of Roseboro, gave a most inspiring reading on Mission work. Miss Mary Lou Cobb, Pineland student, gave an address on Woman's true part and place in Missionary work. Miss Williams, voice and expression teacher at Pineland, rendered a solo quite in keeping with the program. Little Lina Smith, Roseboro, gave in a most pleasing and unusual manner a poem of some length on Sunbeam work. Little Miss Smith is indeed a splendid reader. Mrs. Howard's report on work of the year followed, showing much progress and enlarged interest in Woman's work in the Association. The remainder of the morning session was given to Miss Carroll, Raleigh, for conference on Y. W. A. work. It was beautiful to see a young woman of such clear thinking capacity and college training devoting it all to her Master. Miss Carroll is corresponding secretary of Woman's Work in the State, and we felt fortunate in having her with us. Dinner was served on the grounds.

The afternoon session, presided over by Mrs. W. J. Jones, stressed woman's part in arousing the churches from their present state of lethergy and bringing them to a higher standard of organization, of giving and of real consecration. This was done in view of the fact that there are more than a thousand women; 1,700 women in South River Association, the majority of whom are doing practically nothing in their Master's name because of the erroneus idea that women must keep silence in the church and refrain from public duties. Miss Pearl Howard, Pineland teacher, gave a decidedly convincing scriptural talk supporting women in discharging work for their Lord, showing that every Christian woman has divine commission to do the will of her Father and that all our womanhood of South River Association needs to move them to greater things in divine inspiration. Mrs. Ella Royal, a fluent and pleasing public speaker, gave a talk in which she laid heavy responsibilities on Christian women in the way of organizing and maintaining missionary organizations that will anchor boys and girls and even our women, who have enlisted for Christ, but who are drifting.

Important motions made and carried at this meeting were:

FIRST: Motion to call this Annual meeting Woman's Association of South River," made by Mrs. C. S. Royal, seconded by Mrs. Dupree.

SECOND: Motion to lengthen the time of meeting, made by Mrs. Dupree, seconded by Mrs. Ivey Royal.

THIRD: Motion for Mrs. C. S. Royal to become general superintendent on resignation of Mrs. S. A. Howard.

FOURTH: Motion for Mrs. W. J. Jones, chairman, Mrs. Ella Royal, Vice-Chairman, Miss Pearl Howard, secretary, made by Mrs. Ivey Royal, seconded by Mrs. Cordia Holland.

The next Annual Meeting was anounced for Baptist Chapel, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1917.

Pearl Howard, Secretary Woman's Associational Meetings.

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCH AND NAME OF ORGANIZATION	PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch			$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Autryville Y. W. A.	Olivia Hall, Autryville	5							
Baptist Chapel Y. W.A	Mrs. S. B. Page, Cooper	25			3.00		1.96	.45	5.41
Beulah									
Browns									
Center									
Clement W. M. S.	Bessise Williams, Autryville		5.40	4.19	2.45			.50	12.54
Corinth									
Concord									
Elizabeth									
Godwin									
Hickory Grove									
Long Branch									
Macedonia									
Mary's Chapel									
Mill Creek Sunbeams	Katie Sessoms, Roseboro	18						1.13	
Mingo W. M. S.	Helen Jackson, Dunn	22	2.35	3.20	3.52			10.80	19.87
Mingo Sunbeams	Agnes Rich, Dunn	23	.35						.35
Mount Elam									20.22
Mount Vernon									
Piney Green Sunbeams	Vera Taylor, Huntley								7.32
Pleasant Union									
Parkersburg									
Roseboro W. M. S.	Mrs. Kate Butler, Roseboro		4.00	4.85	7.45			5.75	22.05
Roseboro Sunbeams	Mrs. Kate Butler, Roseboro								
Royal's Chapel									
Salemburg W. M. S.	Mrs. C. S. Royal, Salemburg	27							
Salemburg Y. W. A.	Mrs. A. P. Howard, Salemburg	19							
Salemburg, S. B.	Mrs. Virginia Royal Salemburg	60	30.22	62.14	50.33		10.00	.50	153.19
Spring Branch W. M. S.	Mrs. Sarah Alderman, Dunn	50							
Spring Branch Y. W. A.	Miss Augusta Williford Dunn	30	63.65	43.72	83.70			83.90	274.97
Spring Branch Sunbeams	Miss Grace Alderman, Dunn	30							
Union Grove									
White Oak W. M. S.	Mrs. Lula Wilson, Clinton	10	3.73	2.60	11.50		1.30	15.40	34.53
White Oak Sunbeams	Mrs. Lula Butler Clinton								

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION

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Twenty years ago we began the Mission work in our Association with the W. M. S. at Salemburg and Fayetteville. Today we have twenty-nine Missionary organizations in the twenty-nine churches. Not one in every church, as a few churches have two and three organizations so not over half the churches have societies.

During this year the Supt. has organized nine socities, visited 20 others and visited eleven different churches, making thirty-seven visits to societies and churches. She has also traveled in this Association in interest of Missions during the year nearly 340 miles. She was present at the Union Meeting at Concord and Mt. Vernon, and at the association, which was held at White Oak. Our W. M. U. at Winston-Salem in March. Southern Baptist Convention and W. M. U. of the South at Asheville in May, and Seaside Assembly in June were spiritual feasts, and sources of inspiration and information. But let us bear in mind that the inner life does not as often renew itself in Conventions and large assemblies, but as with Elijah in the quiet hour, the still small voice comes. For the progress must continue and grow daily in ones own life. So let us do our best to wake up our women and children at home. First, we must show the mothers that they have important places to fill and that they are responsible to a great extent for her home, for her church and community Then the future problem of our churches will be solved; to some extent; if we will take up the important work of enlisting the children in His service. Another plan to advance the work is, to get each church to see the need of locating a pastor in their community, which will develop the churches into greater activity. Once a month preaching cannot bring the churches up to their highest state of development. Also organize Mission Study Classes for both men and women.

Three things we must do if we would help to save the world.

1. Live the Christ life.
2. Live for others
3. Tell His message of love and salvation to the world.
4. Work to the limit of our strength to help bring the world to Christ.

While a young girl was reading Drummond, "That life is shaped by two compelling forces side by side. Struggle for self and struggle for others."—Love the greatest thing in the world! But what kind of love? Selfish love? No the love that seeks the lost. While wondering if she could ever reach such heights. She had a vision in which she was carried from one heathern land to another. At last she reached the place of which her friend was going as a Missionary. Seeing and hearing the cries and appeals for help, she asked the Unseen One bearing her on and on [illegible] all this mean. He replied, appeals for help for light and life. Then she prayed as she realized the meaning of her vision. "I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord."

Last Sunday the Supt. visited three churches viz Piney Green, Clement and Autryville. Re-organized S. B. at first place visited Y. W. A. at second and held a meeting with women and Subeams. And organized Y. W. A. at Autryville. Then attended services at home church at night.

Why do we work? Some sound the discouraging note, "There is no use." But we must not forget that we are as watchmen on the tower," and if we do not obey the command their blood will be required at our hands. God's work can never fail if we as His servants carry out His commands. And if the Women of the South River Association will put God's work first, then instead of our work being a failure there will be a great rejoicing at the Harvest time.

"The highest bidder for the crown of glory is the lowliest bearer of the Cross of self-denial".

MRS. S. A. HOWARD, Supt., Salemburg, N. C.

CHURCH AND ORGANIZATION	PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday S. Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch W. M. S.			$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Autryville W. M. S.	Mrs. S. J. Faircloth, Autryville				3.00				3.00
Autryville Y. W. A.	Miss Olivia Hall, Autryville R. 2.	5							
Autryville S. B.	Miss Rosella Autry, Autryville								
Baptist Chapel Y. W. A.	Mrs. S. B. Page, Cooper	15			3.00				3.00
Brown's S. B.	Miss Mattie Flowers, Clinton								
Beulah									
Center									
Clement Y. W. A.	Miss Bessie Williams, Autryville	33			3.82				3.82
Corinth S. B.	Miss Hassie Crumpler, Clinton R. 3.	18			.50				.50
Concord S. B.	Miss Daisy Davis, Autryville								
Elizabeth S. B.	Mrs. R. E. Hobbs, Roseboro	32							
Godwin									
Hickory Grove									
Long Branch									
Macedonia									
Mary's Chapel W. M. S.	Miss Martha Darden, Keener	12		.50	1.50		.10		2.10
Mill Creek S. B.									
Mints S. B.	Mrs. Evander Simpson, Mints								
Mt. Elam W. M. S.	Miss Mary Tew, Huntley	10							
Mt. Elam S. B.	Miss Zilphia McLamb								
Mt. Vernon W. M. S.	Mrs. J. E. Britt, Moltonsville	12	1.00	1.50	1.50		2.00		6.60
Mt. Vernon S. B.	Miss Lillie Weeks, Clinton	10							
Piney Green S. B.	Miss Honeycutt, Huntley	37							
Pleasant Union									
Parkersburg									
Roseboro W. M. S.	Mrs. W. J. Watson, Roseboro	16	4.00	7.25	4.00			.78	15.25
Roseboro S. B.	Mrs. W. J. Butler, Roseboro	20							
Royal's Chapel									
Salemburg W. M. S.	Mrs. C. S. Royal, Salemburg	27		41.42	37.30		20.00	10.00	108.72
Salemburg Y. W. A.	Mrs. Nina Howard, Salemburg	10		9.45	9.32			.50	19.27
Salemburg S. B.	Mrs. VA. Royal, Salemburg	54		6.51	3.85			3.51	13.87
Spring Branch W. M. S.	Mrs. A. E. Alderman, Dunn	50							
Spring Branch Y. W. A.	Miss A. Williford, Dunn	26							
Spring Branch S. B.	Miss M. Williams, Dunn	30							
Union Grove									
White Oak W. M. S.	Mrs. L. Wilson, Clinton	10	.40	2.00	4.90		3.30		
White Oak S. B.	Mrs. L. Butler, Clinton	12					.35		

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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

MILL CREEK CHURCH

November 15, 16, 17, 1917.

OFFICERS:

J. ABNER BARKER, Moderator------------------P. O., Roseboro, N. C.
D. M. WILLIFORD, Clerk and Treasurer--------P. O., Dunn, N. C. R. 1

NEXT MEETING

Time: November the 13, 14, 15, 1918.
Place: Mingo. Nearest R. R. station, Godwin, N. C.
Introductory Sermon—Rev. C. B. Horne.
Missionary Sermon—W. J. Jones.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS:

W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
W. H. Barnes	Salemburg, N. C.
L. J. Williams	Salemburg, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Dunn, N. C., R. 1
D. W. Tew	Clinton, N. C., R. 5
Reddin Honeycutt	Clinton, N. C., R. 5
J. O. Tew	Roseboro N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.
C. B. Horne	Roseboro, N. C.
R. W. Bass	Clinton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

S. A. Howard, Chairman	Salemburg, N. C.
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J. H. Warren	**Huntley, N. C., R. 1**
H. G. Sessoms, Secretary	Huntley, N. C., R. 1
Buck Bullock	Roseboro, N. C.
G. W. Starling	Godwin, N. C.
Al Butler	Clinton, N. C.

PROGRAM FOR ASSOCIATION

November, 13, 14, 15, 1918

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon by C. B. Horne.
12:00 m.—Organization.

Afternoon Session

2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.
3:00 p. m.—Biblical Recorder ,by Rev. M. W. Naylor.
3:30 p. m.—Ministerial Relief, by J. A. Baggett.

Thursday Morning

9:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises, by J. L. Williams.
9:30 a. m.—Temperance, by Mrs. W. J. Jones.
10:00 a. m.—State Missions, by J. B. Page.
10:30 a. m.—Condition of Churches, by H. G. Sessoms.
11:00 a. m.—Baptist Education, by A. P. Howard.
11:30 a. m.—Missionary Sermon, by Rev. W. J. Jones.

Afternoon Session

2:00 p. m.—General business and report of committees.
2:30 p. m.—Home and Foreign Missions, by Rev. D. W. Tew.
3:00 p. m.—Orphanages, by C. M. Hall.
3:30 p. m.—Woman's work, by Mrs. W. J. Watson.

Friday Morning

9:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises, by E. A. Jackson.
9:30 a. m.—Obituaries, by Rev. J. O. Tew.
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School Report, by G. W. Starling.
10:30 a. m.—Evangelistic and colportage work, by Rev. W. M. Huggins.
11:00 a. m.—B. Y. P. U. work, by J. Abner Barker.
11:30 a. m.—Miscellaneous.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. HOWARD,
M. M. SESSOMS,
J. E. DUPREE, Committee.

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education; with all objects of our Convention may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with Associational Mission money to the Union or to the Associational, stating in each case the amount the object and the church keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS

Mill Creek Baptist Church,
November 14, 1917

The South River Association met in its forty-first annual session with Mill Creek Baptist Church, according to invitation and appointment. At 11:00 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. M. Huggins; text, Luke 23-34. Farther forgive them they know not what they do.

Adjournment for dinner.

1:30 p. m. Association convened by Rev. W. J. Jones for organization. Brother —. Abner Barker was elected Moderator and Brother D. M. Williford was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

A motion was offered by Rev. J. E. Dupree that we change our constitution so that our executive committee can fix the time for our association as might be made necessary by the change of time of meeting of our Baptist State Convention if such change should be made. Motion carried.

Moderator appoints the following committee on Digest: M. W. Naylor, J. E. Dupree and Mrs. W. J. Jones.

On Finance: Brother R. N. Butler, J. C. Watson and H. C. Johnson as auditing committee.

Brother Web Crumpler and Mack Sessoms committee to name Exedepends so largely the strength of their faith and the efficiency of their labors.

It is earnestly desired that all the pastors and elders in our churches take immediate steps to get the young people enlisted in this work and form B. Y. P. U.'s as early as possible; then encourage them in every possible way to continue in the work. Free literature can be had upon request of General Secretary, J. D. Moore, Raleigh, N. C.

Committee to nominate Executive Board report that they are ready to report. They nominate for our Executive Board for ensuing year: Brothers S. A. Howard, D. W. Tart, J H Warren, H G. Sessoms, G. W. Starling, Buck Bullock and A. C. Butler. By motion report is adopted.

Report on Ministerial Relief is submitted by Rev. J. E. Dupree as Bro. Starling is not present. The report is discussed by Bro. Dupree and Bro. W. J. Jones and Bro. J. D. Moore.

On motion, each delegate or member present is asked to go back home and assist his church to raise at least 5 per cent of amount they pay their pastors for ministerial relief. Report is adopted as recommended.

Notice is given that tomorrow at 11 o'clock instead of the Missionary cutive Board.

Rev. W. M. Huggins, J. A. Horne and J. A. Hair committee on time place and program for our next association. Rev. J. E. Dupree, S. A. Howard and M. M. Sessoms.

Ordained Ministers present: W. J. Jones, J. E. Dupree, W. M. Huggins, M. W. Naylor.

Visiting Brethren present: J. D. Moore, from the Raleigh Association, representing the Baptist Young People's Union. Bro. Moore is accorded a hearty welcome amon gus.

By motion, report on Biblical Recorder is continued until tomorrow afternoon, and Brother Moore was asked to discuss report on Young People's Union, which was ably done in advance of the report, as Brother Lockamy, who was to read this report, is not present. By motion report is adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist Young People's Union is the Training Service in the local Baptist church. It aims to secure the development of the recruits as they come into the church in all things which belong to church membership. It is an organization within the church and is not separate from it.

The plan is that of weekly meetings in which the young people take part, each in his turn according to a grouping of the membership on the basis of not less than seven nor more than ten minutes to each group. The B. Y. P. U. fosters a devotional reading of the Bible and the system of giving to all the objects o fbenevolence fostered by the church according to the church plan.

The B. Y. P. U. therefore developes a loyalty to their churches among the young people. It gives them something to do for their Lord upon which Sermon there will be the ordination of Brethren L. J. Williams and C. B. Horne to the work of the ministry, and Brethren Chas. Butler and J. C. Horne as deacons for Mints church and Pleasant Union church and that the ordination sermon would be preached by Rev. J .O. Tew. Brother Moore is asked to deliver the charrge to the young ministers.

Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Brother J. A. Baggett is not present and Brother L. J. Williams is asked to conduct devotional exercises.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:00 O'CLOCK.

Devotional exercisees by Brother L. J. Williams by reading 1st Psalm. Association called to order by D. M. Williford, Clerk. On learning that amy, who was to read this report, was not present.
to the chair as moderator pro tem.

Report on Temperance was read by Bro. J. A. Horne who was asked to get up a report on temperance in the absence of Brother J. A. Baggett the rgular committee on this report. Discussed by Bros. J. A. Horne, F. B. Hambrick, J. D. Moore L. J. Williams and H. J. Duncan.

Report on Temperance.

In our nation, Prohibition is making wonderful progress, so far as prohibitory laws go. The State of Virginia, from which most of the whiskey has come from to this State since we have had prohibition, went dry last November for which we should be profoundly thankful. But while we have prohibition in name and under present laws, conditions are much improved over former years. Yet we have not reached the goal for which all Christians should strive. In many sections especially during the fall and winter months we only fall short of prohibition. But intemperannce and drunkenness prevails to an alarming disgrace under our present laws. A great many are allowed to make cider and wine out of their fruit, and this is proving to be a great curse to our men and boys and demoralizing in many ways. Some steps should be taken against this evil in sections where it is tolerated, for today the cider and wine makers are bringing many of our people down to shame.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HORNE, Committee.

On motion, report is adopted.

Moved that Association missions and Home and Foreign missions all be discussed in connection in the afternoon as Bro. Hamrick is present to tell us something of the orphanage work and cannot be with us in the afternoon.

Report on Orphanage is taken up. Bro. F. B. Hamrick, representing the Thomasville Orphanage read the report and very ably and interestingly discussed this subject. Further discussion by Brethren D. W. Tart, S. A. Howard and S. S. Jackson.

Report on Orphanage.

In its physical equipment, as well as in the character of its constituency, the Thomasville Orphanage holds a foremost place among the Orphan homes of the South. For thirty-two years the Home has been growing and is constantly being enlarged and still the task looms before us as just begun.

The unprecedented prices for the necessities of life have made a rocky road for all public institutions, but the Baptist people have been responsive and generous. The past year has been the best in our history, financially. But the fact that it put us out of debt must not lull us to sleep. The high cost of living is putting us in debt again. From month to month we are running behind with our current expenses. Contributions must increase with our needs. Within a few months there will be added to the Kennedy Home another cottage for twenty-five more children. The distress of our times adds its demands upon the Orphanage.

Since the receipt of the first child, Nov. 11th, 1885, 1,794 have been enrolled, and the present number is 505 (with the prospect of about 530 by the end of the year). The average yearly cost per child is $127.75 or 35 cents the day, agregating a total annual cost of $66,046.75. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

Mystery veils the future. The struggle to crush Prussianism is the thing that is uppermost in the national thought. Thousands of our boys are preparing to meet the foe on the soil of France. The danger is that in our deep anxiety for the welfare of the nation, and especially for the lives of those so dear to us, we may overlook our obligations to the institutions fostered by the denomination. This we must not do. Here is the Orphanage caring for more than 500 of our children. They must be clothed and fed and trained. While the nation is training the soldiers at the various camps for the service of our country, the Orphanage is likewise preparing the young lives under its care for the larger service of winning bloodless battles under the banner of the King of kings. Our loyalty and liberality to the Orphanage must not be lessened but increased.

We urge larger regular giving by the Sunday schools in once a month collections. And we confidently look for a larger increase in the " One Day for the Orphanage " thank offering this fall. But for this special effort we would be hopelessly in debt at this time. Without a wide circulation of Charity and Children thse results would be impossible, hence we urge an individual copy to as many of our people as possible and a club in every Sunday school.

From this county there are six children at the Orphanage costing $127.75 each or a total of $766.50. Brethren, let us make an effort to raise not less than $750.00 during the coming year.

By motion, report was adopted.

Next subject for discussion is condition of churches by Brother S. A. Howard, who after reading report, followed in discussions by Bro. J. D. Moore, Mrs. C. S. Royal, Bros. C. M. Hall, W. J. Jones and F. B. Hamrick.

On motion, report was adopted.

Condition of the Churches of the South River Association.

Our churches have not made the progress during the past year that other institutions have been making. And this sad fact seems to be due to the lack of vision and ignorance and indifference. If our churches shall throb with great power to the upbuilding of our people and the helping of the world we must recognize that we are a part of the great world movements, the Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions, and the cog in the great machinery must cooperate with the whole, or it will be only a hindrance. If the earth refuses to cooperate with the sun, moon and stars, destruction is encountered. To endeavor to work independently our State and Southern Baptist Convention leaders puts a clog in the wheel of the progress of our church.

We need in every church the regular organizations adopted for the development of our members. And especially the B. Y. P. U., which is the training service for young Christians. They must learn by study and practice to do the work of the church in a really intelligent and efficient way. I would to God that you and I might have had such opportunities when we were beginning in the Christian course.

Another great need is that our churches may do the decent thing to support their pastor to that extent that no pastor should have more than two churches. The increase in number of baptisms and gifts is not proportionate to the increase in wealth, population and education.

Faithfully submitted,

S. A. HOWARD.

Moderator appoints a committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convenion, Brethren R. N. Butler, M. W. Naylor and D. M. Williford. Committee to nominate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, Brethren G. W. Starling and L. J. Williams.

It is moved and seconded that report on Woman's Work be put off until tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

11:45 o'clock, ordination sermon by Rev. J .O. Tew. Text, Dan. 1:19, after which all the ordained ministers present participated in the laying on of hands, setting apart Brethren L. J. Williams and C. B. Horne to the full work of the ministry, and Brethren Chas. Butler deacon for Mints church, and J. E. Horne deacon for Pleasant Union church. Bro. J. D. Moore delivered the charge in a very impressive manner.

Adjourn for dinner.

2 o'clock p. m., Association convened by Moderator. Regular routine of business took up. List of churches called, and 19 responded. At this point Bro. W. M. Huggins gave us a nice report on the work at Parkersburg church.

Report on Christian Education, read by Bro. J. E. Horne. Discussed by Bro. G. E. Linebery, Mrs. W. J. Jones for Pineland School for Girls, and Bro. Bennett in the interest of Dell School at Delway, N. C.

Motion to amend the report to include Chowan College carried.

Educational Report.

We as Baptists, especially since we believe in open Bible and an individual interpretation of the same, should strive to give to all our people the best possible educational advantages. To this end Wake Forest College was opened for boys in 1835. It has done a great work in training men, and today her sons are to be found in practically every country on the globe. Many of these are missionaries in foreign fields. Many are great leaders both in pulpit and pew in our own country, and especially in our own State.

The Louisville Seminary being in close touch with our Southern life should be encouraged by our finances and our patronage. We should urge our ministerial students to consider carefully advantages offered there before turning their faces toward other institutions.

In 1900 Meredith College was opened for our girls. While Wake Forest has done a great work for our men yet the opportunity in training men is not equal to that in training women, hence Meredith College means more to us and will mean more through all the years to come than any other one institution in the state. Numbers of our students are already missionaries both at home and abroad. Others are in training schools preparing for the great work. Many are out in the home churches leaders in mission societies, Sunday school work, training the sunbeams and royal ambassadors. Many are teaching in our public schools, graded schools and academies. All these wield a powerful influence in shaping the destinies of the souls of our children, and we would not underestimate the great power and influence of the trained mothers in our homes—mothers who have received the training—such as Meredith is giving.

We have a system of fourteen denominational high schools and some others owned by private parties that are under denominational control. These schools last year enrolled between three and four thousand students. These institutions as well as our colleges are arranging in building equipment and teaching force to give the very best educational advantages to be found in our State. Then going a step further they propose to put about them a Christian influence and Christian teaching, such as will induce the unsaved to become Christians and the converted ones to be developed into good strong workers. More than two hundred of the students in these schools were converted last year.

Let us realize the critical hour that comes in the lives of our children when first they cut loose from home influences and home ties and go to some boarding school. Their life principles and character still unsettled and perhaps, as we might say in the act of being moulded, and let us with our finances and patronage loyally support our system of schools, and arrange to take care of our boys and girls at this period of life and make safe their immortal souls.

J. E. HORNE, Committee.

Report adopted as amended.

Report on Associational Missions.

The mission work of the South River Association is a work that requires the endorsement of all our churches. In this field are many homes that are raising up children and some of them have not accepted Christ, and the office of the missionary of the association is to preach Christ to the members of these homes, and truly bring their influence into the Lord's work and help build up the kingdom of our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. HALL, Committee.

Discussed by Brother Hall. By motion, report adopted.

Report of Executive Board from Nov. 15, 1916, to Nov. 15, 1917.

We your Executive Board beg lief to submit the following report:

Cash on hand November 15, 1916	$ 91.44
Received from Godwin S. S. Convention	11.16
Received from Union Meeting Mt. Elam	43.32
Received from D. M. Williford, Treas. Association Mission	186.40
Total from all sources	$332.32

Disbursements as follows:

Paid to C. D. Peterson for Browns and Beulah	$ 90.00
Paid to W. M. Huggins, Parkersburg	45.00
Paid to W. H. Barnes Pleasant Union and Mints	60.00
Paid to D. M. Williford Minute Fund	15.00
Paid to D. M. Williford Postage	1.00
Paid for Record Book	1.00
Paid to L. J. Williams	15.00
Paid to C. B. Horne	15.00
Total Disbursements	$242.00

Amount to Balance__ in Treasury	90.32
Total	$332.32
To Balance in hands of treasurer	$90.32

We, the present Board desire to express our thanks to each church in the Association for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
E. T. TURLINGTON, Chairman.

On motion, report is adopted.

Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional exercises by Brother Jno. L. Williams by reading the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. After song service and prayer association convened by Moderator. General business taken up.

Committee to nominate delegate to Baptist State and Southern Baptist Conventions report that they nominate Bro. S. A. Howard as delegate to State Convention and Rev. C. D. Peterson delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Report on State Missions by Rev. W. M. Wiggins. Discussed by Bro. Huggins and Bro. W. J. Jones.

Report on State Missions.

It is with gratitude to God for His wonderful blessings on the work of State missions and with a prayer to Him for continuance and greater blessings that we hand you herewith this annual report.

From the urgent and frequent appeals which it seems necessary to make in behalf of State Missions there is the danger that some will get the mistaken idea that the end to be reached is to secure a certain amount of money, and come to our State Convention without debt. But let us remember that money is material and miserable and has no value within itself, but in the wonderful economy of grace God has so ordained it that we can take this commodity which is material and perishable and secure with it results which are spiritual and eternal.

In North Carolina the work will not be complete until God's kingdom has fully come. Then let us put on the whole armor of God and help North Carolina become the ideal Christian place of the world. But the facts show that North Carolina's spiritual growth has not been keeping pace with her material growth. So we see the need of increasing our State Mission forces and making our spiritual growth not only equal but superior to our material. We can do this by adopting the plans of organized work in each of our churches. Let us line up with our State leaders and enlist in each of our churches every member into active service. The saving of the lost and the development of the saved is the foundational work of State Missions. Let us adopt the systematic and scriptural plan of giving in our churches recommended by our State Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. HUGGINS. Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions and also Foreign Missions, by motion, are combined. They are read and discussed by Bro. W. J. Jones.

On motion, reports are adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

It is nearly nineteen hundred years since the Prince of Peace came, and the path of life was opened to every believing soul. During these years billions of souls have gone out of the darkness of heathenism into the darker night. But will we think of the shame, the sin and the neglect there comes to us and the fact that over a billion are without the gospel today. In our generation one thousand million human souls will die and go down to the grave. Shall they go without hope in Christ, or will we give them the gospel of Peace? There should be a plan for combining and directing of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel. The supreme need of Southern Baptist today is to enlighten all of our people. This will make it easy for us to get our people to cooperate in the great work of missions. We can never be strong abroad until we enlighten and enlist at home. Money spent in the enlightenment and enlistment of the Baptist in the South is money spent precisely where it will count for the most in the evangelization of the whole world. Paul wa snot only a missionary to those without the gospel but he was also missionary to churches to add to their efficiency by timely and needy teachings.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. ROYAL,
D. W. TEW,
Committee.

On motion report is adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20. "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." Matt. 16:19. "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blest." Gn. 12:1-3. Woe is that church or community that fails to recognize and obey the great command to preach the gospel everywhere. The church with a missionary spirit and a world-wide call is the church the gates of hell shall not prevail against. It is the only church that has the Master's Spirit, and therefore the only one that has developed into the unselfish life. This church is the church that recognizes Christ as its head and not man, and gives liberty of conscience to its members.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. JONES, Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Biblical Recorder read by Bro. R. N. Butler. Discussed by Bro. Butler and Bro. C. J. Thompson, who offered a resolution with the report. By motion, Bro. Thompson's resolution is added to the report on the Recorder.

Report on Biblical Recorder.

It has proven by about 90 years of usefulness to be worth while; and today with larger circulation than ever before. The Recorder should stand at the door of the Convention and of the various associations not as a beggar seeking subscriptions, but as the noise of a great denomination calling us, and all of us, into a greater knowledge and a larger work. If through the Biblical Recorder we can reach our people every week, if they can come to know our work and its needs, if in its pages there may be established a community of thought and interest, then we may expect greater and still greater things for our cause, our growths and our usefulness to the world.

The Biblical Recorder is our denominational organ. It was never more nobly edited than now. One valuable source of helpful information is the Recorder. It is a strong brace for the pastor and goes into the homes each week and stands for the same things the pastor stands for. Wherever we find people in our State informed on the needs of the kingdom through the

Recorder we find people who work and give. We believe every Baptist family ought to read this paper. It keeps us in close touch with every department of our denominational duties. It teaches the New Testament doctrines in a masterful way. Put a good paper in your home and keep out the trash that destroys both soul and body. We would urge all pastors and readers to do their best to double our present list of subscribers.

ROBT. N. BUTLER, Committee.

Plan of the Association for the Biblical Recorder.

Whereas the Biblical Recorder, the authorized organ of the Baptist State Convention, stands for our Baptist faith, and is the medium of communication for North Carolina Baptists, the channel of full information in all denominational and Kingdom affairs, the means of appeal and inspiration to the brotherhood, and is the one denominational enterprise which lives for all the others;

And, whereas, the vast majority of our people are not reading the paper, and are not informed about Kingdom affairs; and the general work, along with the Recorder, is greatly suffering for want of a larger and more loyal support;

Therefore, be it resolved—

First: That the South River Baptist Association, in keeping with like action of other Associations in the State, hereby agrees to come to the hearty support of the Biblical Recorder in this critical time, and that we, both pastors and laymen, promise to take upon our hearts and in hand the work of putting the Recorder in the homes of our people.

Second: That we commend and urge the adoption of the plan recommended for the whole State, viz., that the pastor and deacons of every church in the Association secure at the earliest possible date a permanent Recorder committee, and the very best solicitor available, who will go to work to put and keep the Recorder in every family possible in their church.

Third: That for the sake of the work at large we earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the W. M. Societies, the Y. W. A.'s, the B. Y. P. U.'s and the S. S.'s in this **every church movement** for the increased circulation of the Biblical Recorder.

Report and resolution adopted.

Report on Obituaries.

By Rev. M. W. Naylor.

During the past year the Lord has called from our ranks some of His best and most faithful servants. Their fellowships here were sweet and dear, but their places are vacant now, though we feel sure they are now filling better places in the company of the redeemed. From Spring Branch Rev. William Bland, a preacher, teacher and friend, who loved everybody and whom everybody loved; J. C. Williford, deacon and brace to the church; S. B. Lee, whose home was in Georgia but whose heart was in the church. Mingo: Mrs. Jno. Aman, a friend and neighbor to us all. Brown's: Mrs. Sophia Hobbs. Antioch: Mrs. Jane Barnes. Mill Creek: Mrs. Caroline Strickland. Clemont: Leavie Matthews. Salemburg: Claud Warren. Whiteoak: Annie Crumpler. Roseboro: Rebecca Stevens. Long Branch: Eliza Bedsole. These with others have done their part and have gone to receive their reward. May the Lord help us to do our part well that we at last may go to be with them forever.

Respectfully,

M. W. NAYLOR, Committee.

Report on Woman's Work by Mrs. Virginia Royal. Discussion by Mrs. Virginia Royal, Mrs. C. S. Royal, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Revs. W. J. Jones and M. W. Naylor

Mrs. C. S. Royal asks for an auditing committee for their expense accounts. etc., whereupon Moderator appoints Rev. W. J. Jones as commit-audit same.

Report on Woman's Work.

The whole world is beginning to wake up and realize that woman has a real place it it. A place of active service outside of the four walls which formerly held her in a tiny sphere called home.

The Christian woman fully realizes her duty inside of these walls, for she has been taught this from the foundation of the world, but home reaches further than this. Home is everywhere that humanity is found. The homes are often scattered to the four corners of the earth, for where the child goes there is part of the home, and the heart of the mother follows that child with that everlasting yearning that he or she may be protected from the awful nets and snares of Satan and his host.

With this in view, and the deep sympathy for other mothers, and a desire to lift humanity, women are waking up to their real duty to God, the Creator of all things that is good, and to poor lost humanity all over the world.

In order to do the most efficient work in foreign lands, we realize that the foundation must be laid at home. Or using the words of Christ: "beginning in Jerusalem." Our Jerusalem is the South River Association.

God has given a vision of the needs of our Association to more than one woman who is living in its bounds. Numbers of them are already awake to the sad condition of things in their midst. One of the saddest things in the scarcity of real consecrated educated leaders and teachers.

Wealth and education are moving with leaps and bounds. There has never been so much money in our conutry as now. Farmers are receiving more than double what they ever have before for their products.

Schools of the best type dot our country, and the majority of people are greatly arroused to the necessity of getting an education. They are increasing in wisdom along many lines. But when it comes to the real spiritual growth, the most of our people are content to lag along in the same old way of long ago.

We realize that we have preachers just as pure consecrated Christians as the world affords. But what can these preachers do serving six or seven churches, and they scattered to the four corners of our Association, and these churches paying a salary of not over $100.00 per year and some not even that, and he with a family of several strong, growing children to support, at the present high cost of living. Suppose you farmers go out in the spring and plant your corn and cotton, and then go on to your other work, or suppose you were just to decide to pray for it to grow and yield without any cultivation. What kind of harvest do you think would come to you? You know very well there would not be much but grass and weeds without cultivation. So you prepare your land, put in your seed carefully, and as soon as the seeds come up through the earth, you begin your cultivation and keep it up continually until the crops are safe from weeds and grass. Our Association is one of God's great fields. The preachers sow the seed of eternal life, and have to move on without time or means to cultivate the precious seeds, and the weeds of indifference, carelessness and other sin comes in and chokes the life of the church, because there is such a few to help him cultivate. It is just as impossible for our churches to grow and prosper and advance in spirituality, with the present system, as it would be for you farmers to reap a bountiful harvest without cultivation.

There are too many human souls at stake in our Association for any man, woman or child to sit in idleness. There's work for all to do in God's great field, if these people are ever aroused to their duty to God and humanity. Now is no time for selfishness; now is no time for idleness among those who call themslves the children of God. Millions of human souls are sinking into Christless graves today. We must arouse and give God our best in service or some of these souls will be required at our hands.

MRS. VIRGINIA ROYAL, Committee.

By motion, report is adopted.

Moved that Treasurer make his report to Executive Committee that they may look over it and hand it over to Auditing Committee, which is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Received from all sources during the year 1917	$658.33
Disbursements for the year 1917 as follows:	
To Walters Durham	$253.46
To Thomasville Orphanage	129.10
To C. M. Hall Association Missions	240.88
To W. M. Page	3.14
To Minute Fund	31.75
	$658.33

We your Auditing Committee report that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find the above correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. CRUMPLER,
MACK SESSOMS,
Committee.

On motion report is adopted.

Committee on calportage work and all remaining reports are requested to get up their reports and hand to the Clerk that they may be printed in the minutes.

It is moved and seconded that the Clerk be allowed $25.00 for his services and that he be allowed to take from the funds in his hands enough to pay for printing the minutes whatever is needed in addition to the minute funds sent up with the letters.

Committee to locate the next session of the Association report that the next Association will meet with the church at Mingo.

Rev. J. E. Dupree, Committee on Digest, submits his report, and recommends that each representative here go back to their churches and recommend that they pay their pastors more next year in proportion to the high cost of other things.

Report on Sunday Schools by Mrs. W. J. Jones for the committee. Discussed by Rev. W. J. Jones, Mrs. C. S. Royal and Mrs. Jones. Report is adopted as read.

Report on Sunday Schools.

1. General survey of Sunday School work, its place in the church, community, home and individual life:

Learning and teaching the Bible is one of the great priviliges and responsibilities of our religious and church life. The Sunday school is the organization for this work, and as knowledge is the basis of progress the Sunday school, in the spirit of Christian intelligence gives the church a vision of duty and responsibility. Then the community life is transformed in that the "meeting-place" gives a place of moral and spiritual tone for our social natures to develop in temperance and purity. For the home that gives the Bible-school a large place in its thoughts and life usually finds it easy to solve the problems of home-making. Also there should be a growth in every Christian life—"Growth in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ." Paul says: "Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Sunday school cultivates the faculties and virtues which are the essential elements in such a character.

2. The conditions that exists in the Sunday schools of our Association:

A large number of our Sunday schools are teaching the "Word of Life" in the midst of poverty and small numbers, contending with every disadvantage. Yet, they are doing an eternal work for the kingdom in delapidated church buildings and rude school houses, as has been done time and again in the history of Christianity. However, this is not Chistian when our home tower is above our church and Sunday school buildings in comfort and appreciation. It is estimated that only about one-half of our church members are enlisted in Sunday school and only about one-half of those enlisted attend regular. Also about one-half of those enrolled are not church members. The officers and teaching force for the most part are untrained and unprepared, thus leaving the anxious soul still struggling for the lessons of "The Holy Book that doth display the Light, the Life, the Truth, the Way."

3. Some things we must do to enable our Sunday schools to enter into a victorious conquest for the hearts and lives of those within its reach:

We must plan for spiritual welfare as carefully as we do for the temporal and social. The churches should learn to make as much preparation for the religious training in the Sunday school as citizens are making for intelectual training in the public and high schools. Our State and our communities are undergoing intense changes. Good roads, delivery mail, parcel post, the automobile, intensive methods in agriculture, all are demanding the greater attention, and so the Sunday schools must awake to a sense of their obligations in the rush of civilization and challenge the attendance of the masses as they go by. To do this our Sunday schools need a converted church membership to direct them, trained teachers, organized classes, soul power rather than voice power, maps, charts, pictures, flowers, and all that brings God, nature and self together.

We cannot estimate the possibilities for good that are bound up in the efficient Sunday school. God has given to us a kingdom asset in the work of the Sunday school, which none of us know the full value of. We most earnestly commend the Sunday schools that are in line with the Twentieth Century preparedness as a training camp for the church, community, home and the individual in matters of the kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. HOWARD.

Report adopted.

On motion a vote of thanks is extended to the good people of Mill Creek church and vicinity for their kind hospitality during the Association.

List of Delegates from Each Church.

Antioch—Jno. L. Williams, W. C. Pope, C. P. Strickland.

Autryville—Jno. A. Naylor, B. G. Bullock, Jno. L. Autry, Julia Baker and Ida Baker.

Baptist Chapel—E. A. Jackson, O. C. Page, J. T. Bishop, N. T. Williams

Beulah—L. H. Moore, Handy McLamb, A. V. Parker.

Browns—G. M. Bass, E. C. Bass, I. B. Flowers, H. B. Jordan.

Center—W. R. Williams, Lonnie Williams, J. T. Williams.

Clement—E. L. Hall, J. D. Autry, S. O. Autry.

Corinth—A. D. Lockerman, J. O. Honeycutt, M. D. Honeycutt, Marion Lockerman.

Concord—W. B. Horne, T. C. Davis, H. H. Hair.

Elizabeth—E. R. Faircloth, C. C. Holland, Marsdon Kennedy.

Godwin—J. A. Starling, J. H. Pope, Guthrie Jones.

Hickory Grove—J. A. Warren, A. B. Gilbert, M. D. Strickland.

Long Branch—Sion Horne, J. F. Naylor, W. H. Taylor.

Macedonia—G. F. Carter, J. S. Starling, B. R. Carter.

Mary's Chapel—Not represented.

Mill Creek—J. O. Hair, A. R. Cooper, Mack Sessoms.

Mints—Charlie Butler, H. C. Johnson, Eli Cooper.
Mingo—Autry Baggett, M. Hair, J. R. Williams.
Mount Elam—W. R. Warren H. H. Warren, W. O. McLamb Ebron Baggett.
Mt. Vernon—W. N. Gainey, O. M. Lee, Jas. E. Butts.
Piney Green—J. R. McLamb, Harvey Simpson, N. C. Guin, Radford Fann, Claudie Holland.
Pleasant Union—A. D. Parker, A. L. Lucas, W. R. McKinzie.
Parkersburg—Not represented.
Roseboro—H. J. Duncan, J. Abner Barker, Geo. W. Butler, E. F. Cain.
Royals Chapel—Not represented.
Salemburg—Ivey Royal, Edgar Howard, J. E. Cooper, Lonnie Royal, Virginia Royal.
Spring Branch—D. M. Williford, M. W. Naylor, S. L. Jackson, T. C. Gilbert, W N Dixon.
Union Grove—Randall Williams, Randall Cannady, Amons Williams, Mrs. Almira Crumpler.
White Oak—A. R. Crumpler, Web Crumpler, Percy Owen, Ida Butler.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist tAssociation.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statment of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing the Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and giving the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body, and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any Church desiring to become a member shall present the petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through the church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We, your Finance Committee, beg lief to report that we have recieved at this session of the Association in cash with letters and paid over to Treasurer as follows:

Total for all objects ---------------------------------------$459.21

Appropriated as follows:

Associational Missions	$119.81
State Missions	84.88
Home Missions	32.18
Foreign Missions	45.44
Orphanage	113.99
Ministerial Relief	10.37
Mints Church	6.00
Sunday Schools	5.47
Christian Education	1.51
Minute Fund	39.56
Total	$459.21

In addition to above amount the Treasurer received from Bro. D. W. Tart $100.00, balance in Treasury of Executive Board, this to be expended by Treasurer in settling with Rev. J. W. Cobb for services at Godwin. Balance to State Missions and minutes, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. BUTLER,
J. C. WATSON,
H. C. JOHNSON,
Committee.

By motion Report is adopted.

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	M. W. Naylor, Dunn, R. 1.	John L. Williams, Dunn, R4	2-Sat-Su.	$2500.	3	---	---	3	---	1	37	40	77
Autryville	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	R. L. Hall, Autryville	2nd Sun.	1500	11	6	1	4	---	1	50	80	130
Baptist Chapel	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	Ivelins Jackson, Cooper	2nd Sun.	1000	16	---	---	7	3	3	108	145	253
Beulah	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn, R. 5	3rd Sun.	500	1	1	---	---	1	---	17	44	61
Browns	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	W. C. Howard, Clinton	4th Sun.	600	1	2	---	---	---	2	19	29	48
Center	H. I. Hester, Wake Forest	J. T. Williams, Wade	4th Sun.	800	11	---	---	1	---	2	42	63	105
Clement	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	J. T. Hayes, Cooper	3rd Sun.	1500	---	1	---	2	---	1	55	88	143
Corinth	W. D. Lockerman, Clinton	F. F. Royal, Clinton	1st Sun.	1800	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Concord	Jno. Prevatt, Buie	L. V. Hair, Autryville	1st. Sun.	200	7	2	---	2	1	3	53	111	264
Elizabeth	---	A. H. McLemore, Roseboro		200	---	---	1	3	5	2	62	86	148
Godwin	---	J. M. Starling, Godwin	1st Sun.	2600	---	---	---	---	---	1	31	32	63
Hickory Grove	W. M. Huggins, Salemburg	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	2nd Sun.	500	---	---	---	---	---	1	28	48	76
Long Branch	Jno. Prevatt, Buie	J. T. Hall, Autryville	2nd Sun.	800	4	1	---	3	---	1	84	56	140
Macedonia	R. L. Byrd, St. Paul	A. L. Carter, Fayetteville, R5	2nd Sun.	1500	4	5	1	---	---	---	33	53	86
Mary's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mill Creek	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	J. A. Horne, Roseboro	4th Sun.	800	5	---	---	---	---	---	28	51	79
Mints	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	Evander Simpson, Mints	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	14	21
Mingo	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	2nd Sun.	1500	2	7	---	---	---	1	35	35	70
Mount Elam	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	W. R. Warren, Huntley	3rd Sun.	500	18	---	---	---	3	3	70	108	178
Mount Vernon	W. M. Huggins, Salemburg	Alvin Royal, Clinton	4th Sun.	750	7	7	1	2	---	---	29	30	59
Piney Green	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	H. G. Sessom, Huntley	4th Sun.	2000	40	---	19	2	---	---	99	138	237
Pleasant Union	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	J. E. Horne, Autryville	2nd Sun.	500	3	3	2	2	---	---	30	90	120
Parkersburg	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	1st & 3rd	10000	20	11	4	1	---	1	57	79	136
Royals' Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	2nd&4th	3200	8	36	2	11	3	4	104	143	247
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn, R. 1	1st & 3rd	4000	25	3	1	6	---	5	206	206	412
Union Grove	Jno. Prevatt, Buie	R. C. Howard, Autryville	4th Sun.	1000	1	---	2	---	---	---	37	49	86
White Oak	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	Webster Crumpler, Clinton	4th Sat.	1000	2	2	5	---	---	1	29	48	77

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	S. S. Expenses.	The Poor.	Minute Fund	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. S. Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Colleges and Schools.	Other Objects.	TOTAL.
Antioch	$100.00	$	$	$ 4.50	$	$1.00	$5.76	$ 7.21	$ 2.55	$ 4.58	$	$ 2.25	$	$3.00	$	$51.01	$181.86
Autryville	125.00	673.44		7.69	5.13	1.60	13.08	12.96	5.16	6.34		24.55				118.00	992.95
Baptist Chapel	125.00			20.25		2.00	25.00	10.50	7.10	16.06		100.00				60.50	366.41
Beulah	100.00																
Browns	40.00		10.50			1.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.00		3.00		1.00			63.50
Center	150.00	150.00		15.45		1.00	8.58	3.50	4.60	5.00	5.05	14.25	1.26	1.50		27.40	387.59
Clement	100.00	178.50		7.07		2.00	7.19	10.10	8.50	11.40	3.47	22.25		3.00			353.48
Corinth	120.00	35.00		12.22	1.00		1.10	2.00				1.00					172.32
Concord	100.00		15.00		5.67				15.06	5.03		6.02					146.78
Elizabeth	100.00			18.66		1.00	2.50	3.00	5.00	3.85		16.80		1.55			150.36
Godwin	125.00		17.90			1.00		4.45		2.58		2.19	.80	2.00			155.92
Hickory Grove	150.00			8.50		1.00	11.97	15.00	2.00			10.00				1.00	198.47
Long Branch	100.00			15.00	1.05	1.20		.75	1.00	2.15		6.60					127.75
Macedonia	75.00			10.00		.56	11.92	6.00				8.12					111.60
Mary's Chapel																	
Mill Creek	100.00			6.00		1.00	2.00	2.55	3.00								114.55
Mints	34.69					1.50	2.70	1.00				5.00					44.89
Mingo	100.00	3.00		22.25		1.50	6.00	14.59	12.00	16.75		27.50				54.05	257.64
Mount Elam	125.00			14.37	3.05	2.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		25.00				81.25	275.67
Mount Vernon	100.00		7.94	10.40		.75	5.00	1.25	2.50	2.00		14.97					144.81
Piney Green	125.00		120.63	16.00	14.70	1.50	16.72	5.75	5.00	5.00		35.09					345.59
Pleasant Union	75.00		10.00	8.00		1.00	3.50	.60		1.75	2.00	2.00	.25	.50			104.60
Parkersburg																	
Roseboro	300.00	1711.63	35.40	30.65	10.00	2.00	11.00	37.66	17.33	17.50		43.45		50.38	1.84	223.62	2492.46
Royals' Chapel																	
Salemburg	600.00		56.91	48.18	277.18	5.00	55.00	109.96	102.65	150.00	5.00	125.00	10.00	10.00	1200.00	307.62	3062.50
Spring Branch	500.00	5.00	78.56	36.06	25.25	5.00	30.00	136.00	175.00	348.68	5.00	250.00	20.00	20.00	6.00	192.97	1833.52
Union Grove	100.00			13.97	15.00	1.25	10.00					16.00				2.00	158.22
White Oak	120.00			14.70	17.80	1.50	10.00	19.71	4.54	25.16		25.00		.50	3.05	385.70	627.66

378.69

TABLE III.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	Superintendent and Postoffice.	Secretary and Postoffice.	No. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total Enrollment.	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open.	Baptisms from School.	School Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Antioch	G. W. Starling, Godwin	H. R. Starling, Godwin	1	10	59	69	29	12	2	$ 4.50	$----	$----	$----	$ 4.50
Autryville	L. M. Cooper, Autryville	Olivia Hall, Autryville	1	8	79	87	37	12	4	7.69	4.51	15.15	----	27.35
Baptist Chapel	N. T. Williams, Cooper	Olivia Culbreth, Cooper	1	8	90	98	80	12	13	20.25	----	19.03	----	39.28
Beulah	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Browns	G. M. Bass, Clinton	Mattie Flowers, Clinton	1	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Center	T. W. Strickland, Wade	W. A. Royals, Wade	1	8	68	76	50	12	5	15.45	5.05	1.00	3.20	24.70
Clement	A. I. Matthews, Autryville	Roy Hayes, Cooper	1	9	75	98	60	12	----	7.07	3.47	7.20	----	17.74
Corinth	A. D. Lockerman, Clinton	Winnie Royal, Clinton	5	8	115	123	52	8	----	----	----	----	----	----
Concord	J. O. Davis, Autryville	Mary Horne, Autryville	1	6	72	78	50	12	5	3.85	----	----	----	----
Elizabeth	V. L. West, Roseboro	Rebecca Rich, Parkersburg	1	8	115	123	76	10	----	18.66	1.00	16.80	----	36.46
Godwin	J. H. Pope, Godwin	L. F. Pope, Godwin	1	7	60	67	31	12	----	8.90	----	12.00	----	20.90
Hickory Grove	I. T. McLamb, Clinton	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	8.50	----	----	----	8.50
Long Branch	T. L. Hall, Autryville	Sophie Horne, Autryville	1	7	40	47	----	7	3	15.00	----	----	----	15.00
Macedonia	J. S. Starling, Vander	G. F. Carter, Fayetteville	1	7	40	47	24	12	-	10.00	----	----	----	10.00
Mill Creek	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro	Josephine Lucas, Roseboro	1	6	50	56	----	12	----	6.00	----	----	----	6.00
Mints	Evander Simpson, Mints	Mona Downing,	1	6	70	76	----	12	----	8.00	----	----	----	8.00
Mingo	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	Aldon Baggett, Dunn, R.1	1	7	197	104	57	12	2	22.25	30.00	20.00	7.10	79.35
Mount Elam	H. H. Warren, Huntley	Anlie McLamb, Huntley	1	7	75	82	65	9	12	14.37	----	----	----	14.39
Mount Vernon	Jas. E. Britt Moultonville	Manly C. Britt, Moultonville	1	7	81	88	----	12	5	10.40	----	9.25	----	19.65
Piney Green	Radford Fann, Huntley	Johnnie Crumpler, Huntley	2	9	241	250	150	12	35	----	----	----	----	----
Pleasant Union	J. E. Horne, Autryville	Ada Sewell, Roseboro	1	6	84	90	16	12	1	8.00	2.00	1.75	----	11.75
Parkersburg	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Roseboro	J. Abner Baker, Roseboro	Crosby Fisher, Roseboro	1	9	122	131	65	12	9	30.65	----	----	806.58	837.23
Royals' Chapel	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Salemburg	J. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	1	11	335	346	----	12	8	48.18	12.61	20.00	44.22	125.01
Spring Branch	O. D. Strickland, Dunn, R 1	Jas. O. Newton, Dunn, R. 1	1	13	237	250	----	12	8	36.06	----	77.79	----	113.85
Union Grove	R. C. Howard, Autryville	Lula Williams, Autryville	1	6	96	102	----	9	1	----	----	----	----	----
White Oak	Webster Crumpler, Clinton	Barnish Herring, Clinton	1	8	125	133	50	12	----	14.70	----	----	----	14.70

THE WOMAN'S ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
# of the
SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held With the Church at Baptist Chapel
Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
November 9, 10, 11, 1917.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH RIVER.

The women of the Baptist churches of South River Association held their eighth meeting at Baptist Chapel. This was decidedly the best meeting in their annuals (with the exception of the Salemburg meeting last year) as to attendance, enthusiastic, religious spirit and general interest. Every woman who took part on the program starred. In fact, we who had so long stood for just such recognition and utilization of our female church membership felt that God was smiling on our efforts as the various numbers of the program were so beautifully and intelligently discharged by Women. And we believe the day is not far distant when these meetings will be exceedingly popular and their desired influence will meet with howling success.

The program for Friday, November 9th, was as follows:

Friday, 10:30 A. M.

Devotional Exercises—Mrs. Ella Royall.
Prayer—Mrs. Mabel Dupree.
Welcome—Miss Annie Jackson.
Business: Report of Finance Committee by Mrs. Ella Royall.
Report of churchces and societies.
Antioch report received, and discussed in person by Mr. G. A. Starling.
Mrs. Royall suggested Building and Loan Fund for buliding parsonages.
Dinner on the grounds.

Friday, 2:00 P. M.

Devotional Exercises—Mrs. Ethel Hall.
Report of Superintendent—Mrs. Ella Royall.
Round Table Discussion of Orphanage—Mrs. Ella Royall, Mrs. Dupree, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Virginia Royall.

The Program for Saturday, November 10th, was as follows:

Saturday, 10:30 A. M.

Devotional Exercises.
Missions for Country Churches—Mrs. C. S. Royall.
The Y. W. A.—Miss Ossie Butler.
Quartette—Salemburg High School.
The Child—Mrs. Virginia Royall.
The Church, the Center of the Community—Mrs. W. J. Jones.
Dinner on the grounds.

Saturday, 2:00 P. M.

Christian Education—Miss Pearl Howard.

Giving—Rev. W. J. Jones.

Associational Sermon—Dr. Ellis, Dunn, N. C.

Assignment for time and place of next meeting. Time: October. Place: Piney Green.

Announcement of the re-election of same officers: Mrs. Ella Royall, Superintendent; Mrs. W. J. Jones, Chairman; Miss Pearl Howard, Secretary; Mrs. Virginia Royall, Sunbeam Chairman.

Adjournment by motion and vote.

PEARL HOWARD, Secretary.

	Cen. Comm.	Miss. Collections	Expense	Total
Hickory Grove	$------	$22.32	$----	$ 22.32
Mingo	2.00	------	-----	2.00
Roseboro	21.05	2.50	.40	23.95
Salemburg	121.14	10.15	-----	131.29
White Oak	19.14	------	.70	19.87
	Y. W. A.			
Autryville	1.80	------	-----	1.80
Baptist Chapel	5.00	------	-----	5.00
Clement	8.30	.85	.50	9.60
Salemburg	47.58	5.11	-----	52.79
	Sunbeams			
Piney Green	1.60	------	-----	1.60
Roseboro	2.59	------	-----	2.59
Salemburg	21.21	1.30	-----	22.51
White Oak	2.30	------	-----	2.30
	R. A.			
Salemburg	5.12	.60	-----	5.72
Total	------	------	1.60	303.36
			S. B.	
Parkersburg	------	------	1.25	------
	Y. W. S.	Y. W. A.	S. B.	
Spring Branch	79.50	31.50	1.25	------
	------	------	1.60	
Total	------	------	2.85	395.37
Pastor's Salary				363.06

TABLE IV.—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCH AND NAME OF ORGANIZATION.	PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch, W. M. S.	Mrs. I. V. Lee, Dunn, R. 1.	12	$ 1.21	$ .55	$ .50	$	$	$	$ 2.26
Autryville, Y. W. A.	Olivia Hall, Autryville	4	1.80						1.80
Baptist Chapel, W. M. S.	Olivia Culbreth, Cooper	20	2.50	2.50			30.15	9.50	44.65
Beulah									
Browns									
Center									
Clement, W. M. S.	Bessie Williams, Autryville	30	2.35	2.85	2.90			.50	8.60
Corinth									
Concord									
Elizabeth									
Godwin									
Hickory Grove									
Long Branch									
Macedonia									
Mary's Chapel									
Mill Creek, Sunbeams	Katie Sessoms, Roseboro	15					.70		.70
Mints, Sunbeams	Lossie Johnson, Roseboro	26	1.00						1.00
Mingo, W. M. S.	Helen Jackson, Dunn, R. 1.	24	1.45	2.45	2.25			2.55	
Mingo, Sunbeams	Agnes Rich, Dunn, R. 1.	36	1.20						9.90
Mt. Elam									
Mt. Vernon									
Piney Green									
Pleasant Union									
Parkersburg									
Roseboro, W. M. S.	Mrs. Lizzie Watson, Roseboro	10	4.25	11.60	7.50		1.84	2.84	28.43
Roseboro, Y. W. A.	Miss Ossie Butler, Roseboro	15						4.39	4.39
Roseboro, S. B.	Mrs. Kate Butler, Roseboro								
Royals Chapel									
Salemburg, W. M. S.	Mrs. Ellla Royall, Salemburg	72	49.57	34.72	26.70		5.00	10.15	125.24
Salemburg, Y. W. A.	Rosella Holland, Salemburg	43	25.14	12.38	10.05			5.11	52.68
Salemburg, S. B.	Mrs. Virginia Royal, Salemburg	61	7.44	4.47	9.30			1.30	22.51
Salemburg, R. A's.	Ella Royal, Salemburg	18	.60	3.95	.57			.60	5.12
Spring Branch									
Union Grove									
White Oak, W. M. S.	Mrs. Lula Wilson	10	4.71	4.54	5.16		3.05	17.80	35.36
White Oak, Sunbeams	Mrs. Lula Butler	20	.50	.50	1.00		.78		2.78

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Mingo Church

December 4th and 5th, 1918

OFFICERS:

J. ABNER BARKER, Moderator------------------------Roseboro, N. C.
D. M. WILLIFORD, Clerk and Treasurer-------------Dunn, N. C., R. 1.

NEXT MEETING

Time—November 12, 13, 14, 1919
Place—Baptist Chapel Nearest R. R. Stations, Wade and Godwin, N. C.
Introductory Sermon—W. H. Barnes.
Missionary Sermon—J. A. Campbell.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
W. H. Barnes	Salemburg, N. C.
T. J. Williams	Clinton, N. C.
Reddin Honeycutt	Clinton, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Dunn, N. C., R. 1.
G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C. R. 1.
J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.
C. B. Horne	Roseboro, N. C.
Rev. G. A. Bain	Roseboro, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

S. A. Howard	Salemburg, N. C.
H. H. Warren	Huntley, N. C. R. 1.
H. G. Sessoms	Huntley, N. C. R. 1.
B. G. Bullock	Roseboro, N. C.
C. M. Hall	Orange, N. C.
E. T. Turlington	Salemburg, N. C.
J. O. Hair	Roseboro, N. C

PROGRAM FOR ASSOCIATION. Nov. 12, 13 and 14, 1919

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. H. Barnes.
12 M—Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Organization and general business.
2:30 p. m.—Baptist Periodicals by Rev. W. M. Huggins.
3:30 p. m.—Ministerial Relief by A. P. Howard.

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises by H. H. Warren.
10:30 a. m.—Temperance and social conduct by J. A. Campbell.
11:00 a. m.—Missionary Sermon by Rev. J. A. Campbell.
12 M—Dinner.
1:30 p. m.—Reports of Committees.
2:00 p. m.—State Missions by Mrs. Virginia Royal.
2:30 p. m.—Home and Foreign Missions by Rev. J. O. Tew.
3:00 p. m.—Orphanage by F. B. Hamrick.

FRIDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises by W. R. Williams.
10:30 a. m.—Obituaries by O. D. Strickland.
11:00 a. m.—The Sunday School by Miss Bonnie Howard.
11:30 a. m.—B. Y. P. U. work by A E. Alderman.

Respectfully Submitted:

W. H. Barnes,
W. J. Jones,
J. A. Baggett,
Committee.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS:

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, with all objects of our convention may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with associational mission money to the Union or to the association, stating in each case the amount, the object, and the church, keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the association.

PROCEEDINGS:

Mingo Baptist Church, December 4th, 1918.

The South River Association met in its Forty-second Annual Session with the Mingo Baptist church according to invitation and appointment, at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. J. Jones.

Adjourned for Dinner.

1:30 p. m. Association convened by Rev. W. J. Jones, who called Bro. J. Abner Barker, Moderator, to the chair for organization. On motion Bro. Barker is re-elected Moderator and Bro. D. M. Williford is re-elected Clerk and Treasurer. General Business was taken up as follows:

Moderator appoints as reading clerks Bro. J. A. Baggett and Mrs. W. J. Jones.

As Finance Committee, Brethren Autry Baggett, S. L. Jackson and T. C. Gilbert.

As Auditing Committee Brethren M. W. Naylor and H. G. Sessoms.

On motion it is ordered that a delegate from each church represented constitute the committee to nominate the Executive Board for the ensuing year. List of churches called and 14 responded.

Moderator appoints as program committee Mrs. W. J. Jones, W. H. Barnes and J. A. Baggett.

It is moved and seconded that the members of the executive board present constitute committee on time, place and preachers for next session of the Association. Miscellaneous business as follows:

First on program is Biblical Recorder. Bro. Naylor, committee on this; report is not ready and on motion it is continued.

Report on Ministerial Relief is read by Bro. J. A. Baggett. Discussed by Bro. Baggett and others.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

We, as Baptists of this Association and State, should consider more what our aged ministers have done for the Baptist cause of our State and Southland.

We can take some of our strong churches of today and when we learn of the history of that church we will often find that it was some of our aged ministers of today, who have had to retire from the work, were the ones who did the hardest work to get that same church on foot. He was the one that took the church in childhood and labored under many difficulties and sometimes no pay, and he poured out his whole life for the life of the church. And now he has become poor and disabled, and the church, a great power. He has to retire and we get another to serve us and we soon forget the one who did the greatest work for the church and he has to go and get along as best he can with nothing to do for a living. And we as Baptists of this State should look after such and see that they shall have enough that their last days here with us should be as pleasant as it is possible for them to be.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Baggett.

On motion Report is adopted.

At this point, .Bro. W. J. Jones who is on the program for the Missionary sermon for tomorrow, suggests that as we are to have with us tomorrow Dr. W. R. Cullom, who will address us on the Million Dollar campaign fund, and that we give him the time for the Missionary Sermon also to take the place of Bro. A. P. Howard on Baptist Education, Bro. Howard is to furnish the clerk a report to go into the minutes later.

On motion it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE BOARD NAMED

Committee to nominate Executive Board report they are ready. The following named brethren are nominated as Executive Board for the ensuing year: S. A. Howard, H. H. Warren, H. G. Sessoms, B. G. Bullock, C. M. Hall, E. T. Turlington, J. O. Hair.

Brother Naylor reports that he is ready with report on Biblical Recorder, which was read by Rev. M. W. Naylor. Discussed by Rev. W. J. Jones.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Biblical Recorder brings to us weekly messages that are worth the time it takes to read them and the price we pay for them.

The readers of the Recorder are kept in touch with the general denominational work of the State, so that each of us can know what the other is doing, each others plans and methods of work, which is a great stimulance. It admonishes us to love God and honor Jesus and to keep close together in the work of the kingdom. Its a voice calling at the door and asking for admittance into the home to bring a message of reconciliation, saying take me in and I will help you train the children in a good way.

The Recorder needs our support but not so much as we need what it brings to us.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. NAYLOR, Com.

By motion report is adopted.

There is present with us today the following members of the old board: A. L. Butler, H. G. Sessoms, H. H. Warren and Buck Bullock.

Ordained ministers present: Rev. W. J. Jones, M W. Naylor and J. H. Barnes.

At this point Bro. D. M. Williford, clerk, reads a letter from the Macedonia Baptist church asking for a letter of dismission from the South River Association to unite with the Cumberland Association, mainly on account of Geographical conditions, they being away to one extreme from center of South River and in easy reach of the Cumberland Association. On motion the letter is granted and clerk is ordered to send the letter.

Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning 9:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING 9:30 O'CLOCK

Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. G. A. Bain from second chapter in Matthew.

Association convened by Rev. W. J. Jones, Moderator. J. Abner Barker cannot be present and Bro. Jones is called to the chair to serve as Moderator protem for the day.

List of churches called and six responded. Letter from Center Church extends invitation for the next session of the Association. On motion letter and invitation is tabled.

Visiting brethren with us today: Rev. W. R. Cullom, E. I. Olive and J. A. Campbell.

Report on Temperance read by Mrs. W. J. Jones. On motion report is adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Remembering the Bible injunction against the use of strong drink and having observed the disastrous effects of its use on the state and nation, it behooves us as a christian body to add another testimony against its perilous effects and to put ourselves on record as a unit in the total abolition of its use and sale. Christians should be bold in exposing the "blind tiger" and insisting on neighbors doing away with cider and wine presses. Housewives should refrain from the use of any kind of liquors for flavoring in cooking as these incite the appetite for strong drink. The old custom of having whiskey in the house for medical purposes is dangerous. Many a man dates his downfall from such. And medical authorities declare that there are other and better stimulants and as a body protest its use. They further declare that hereditary influences of strong drink is one of our greatest tragedies, that the blinded eye, the stupid mind, the hunch back, and the cripple is often traceable to the drunken father or grandfather.

Assuming that the proper definition of temperance is "a moderate use of all things good and a total abstinence from all things bad," we might add to the abolition of strong drink the abstinence from tobacco and all forms of dope. It is a known fact that our young people who use these stimulants are an easy prey to all forms of dissipation. How, then, can christians endorse and indulge in a habit that is a stumbling block to our boys and girls who are the future hope of our country? Let us count it a reasonable service to abstain from these indulgences for the sake of our influence, for Paul has clearly said that he would do nothing that was a stumbling block to his brother.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. J. JONES,
Salemburg, N. C.

11:00 o'clock a. m.—A splendid address by Dr. W. R. Cullom on the Million Dollar campaign followed by an excellent talk by Rev. J. A. Campbell and also Bro. E. I. Olive. On motion the delegates and representatives present are requested to go back home to their churches and ask that they cooperate with this Association in raising the full apportionment that we are asked to raise for this object. Adjourned for dinner.

2:00 o'clock p. m.—Association convened by the Moderator.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions is not ready and by motion is deferred until later. Rev. G. A. Bain is asked to make a report on this object. Bro. Bain gave us a good talk and he was asked to furnish the clerk with a written report for the minutes.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS CALLED.

Brother Page, the committee on this report is not present and Dr. W. R. Cullom is asked to talk on this subject, which he did ably and acceptably. He also recommends that this Association accept brother Johnson's plan in getting our people in the South River Association to take the Biblical Recorder. On motion report is adopted and Rev. M. W. Naylor is asked to furnish the clerk a written report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The committee on State Missions wishes to suggest that the work our people are doing through its channel is a noble work.

First. Because it tends to combine our forces in establishing and making permanent the Lord's Kingdom in our own homes and bounds.

Second. It means to establish and develop the Lord's work in sections where Baptist have no influence. The State Board in its past history has sent its forces into unoccupied places and have built some of the strongest churches we have in the State; churches that are giving more than they cost. The board has made a financial success but its greatest success has been in finding workers. What has been done in the past is only a forecast of what is to be done in the future if we will lay ourselves out to the task. Unoccupied places are to be taken and developed—men and women not serving the Lord are to be enlisted. Let us lay ourselves on the job, that we may have part in making the barren places to blossom like the rose. Of course our object is to take the world for Christ, but in our concern for the great task let us not make the great mistake of neglecting our own home and kin.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. NAYLOR, Com.

Report on Orphanage read by Bro. C. M. Hall. Discussed by Bro. Hall and others. On motion, report is adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., is an institution of thirty-three years and does not need to be introduced, for by its character and influence it is known to be one among the best Orphanages of the South, and its influence has been thrown around the life and character of about two thousand orphan children of our state. And in nearly all the walks of life the boys and girls are found making good use of themselves and reflecting credit upon the institution and its faculty. Therefore, we recommend that the South River stand by and support the institution in the future as we have in the past, by giving the proceeds of one day's work as a thank offering and by having one Sunday in each month during the year set apart as Orphanage Day, and request our pastors and Sunday school officers and teachers to lay special stress on the orphanage work, and take collections for same. And we further recommend that all our Sunday schools take Charity and Children in clubs.

Report submitted,

C. M. HALL,

Report on condition of the churches is called. Report is read by Bro. H. G. Sessoms, discussed by Bro. Sessoms and others. On motion report is adopted.

CONDITIONS OF CHURCHES

By comparing the past statistics of the Association with the present, we find a gradual increase of membership and of giving, but not in such proportion as the opportunity affords. The world is at last awakening to the righteousness of Baptist contention and in the reconstruction of public thought and action following the great world war, Baptists must figure largely in its final settlement. Realizing the great responsibility thus resting upon us as a people we fear our churches are not as sufficiently organized as should be to fully meet the demands of the situation.

We feel our leaders by precept and example should more fully consecrate their time and talent to the task of more fully organizing and intelligently acquainting our forces of the splendid opportunities and grave responsibilities at present resting upon us.

Brethren let us pray the great God of Israel for more faith, more consecration and greater vision, and let us hereby highly resolve that under God and by His help during the ensuing year we may do our full duty in the Master's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. SESSOMS.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK BY MRS. W. J. JONES

Mrs. W. J. Jones is asked to furnish the clerk with a written report of this work for the minutes. Letters from Baptist Chapel and Clement churches with invitation for the next Session of the Association were taken up. On recommendation from the members of the Executive Board, it is unanimously agreed to let Baptist Chapel have the next Association. Report of the Executive Board was now read by Bro. H. G. Sessoms. On motion, report is adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board begs leave to submit the following report:

During the year we have contributed through the State Board the following amounts:

To W. M. Huggins services Pleasant Union	$48.00
To C. B. Horne services Mintz	48.00
To L. J. Williams services Brown's and Royal Chapel	60.00
To C. D. Peterson, services Beulah	50.00
To Obituary, G. W. Starling received at Union at Hickory Grove	1.05
TOTAL	$207.05

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. BULLOCK, Chairman.
H. G. SESSOMS, Sec'y.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treas. report read by D. M. Williford as follows from Nov. 1917 to Dec. 1918

Received at Association at Mill Creek	$459.21
Received from D W. Tart	100.00
Received from Union at Corinth	50.06
Received from Union at Elizabeth	101.06
Received from Union at Hickory Grove	70.60
Received from Union at T. C. G. Mary's Chapel	3.25
TOTAL received from all sources during year	$784.18

Paid out as follows:

To Walters Durham	$518.72
To F. B. Hamrick	140.28
To J. W. Cobb	45.00
To Clerk for services printing minutes, postage, etc.	68 50
To Obituary for G. W. Starling	1.05

To W. M. Page	3.00
Total disbursements for year	$776.55
Balance in Treasurer	7.63
Grand Total	$784.18

Repectfully submitted,

D. M. WILLIFORD, Treas.

On motion report is adopted.

On motion clerk is ordered to have 500 minutes printed and whatever is necessary for his services and printing, etc., take out of the funds in his hands.

On motion, Rev. G. A. Bain and C. M. Hall and J. A. Baggett are appointed a committee to assess the churches in the Association asking for at least a raise of 5 per cent on what they gave last year. Report of Finance Committee as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Finance Committee, beg to report that we have received during this session of the Association from the churches represented $248.39 (two hundred and forty-eight dollars and thirty-nine cents) and paid same to Bro. D. M .Williford, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

AUTRY BAGGETT,
S. L. JACKSON,
T. C. GILBERT,
Committee,

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to report that we have examined the reports of the Finance Committee, also the Treasurer and we have found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. NAYLOR,
H. G. SESSOMS,
Committee.

LIST OF DELEGATES FROM EACH CHURCH

Antioch—John L. Williams, H. R. Starling, P. J. Izrell.

Autryville—B. G. Bullock and G. W. Hair.

Baptist Chapel—W. W. Bass, J. W. Page, N. T. Williams, C. M. Hall, June Wrench.

Beulah.

Brown's—I. B. Flowers, G. M. Bass.

Center—W. R. Williams, Jr., F. A. Royal, T. W. Strickland, Walter Royal

Clement—Alex Bullard, Empie Hall, Roy Hays.

Corinth—.

Concord—.

Elizabeth—J. H. Porter, Marsdon Cannady, Leamon Hobbs.

Godwin—J. H. Pope, J. M. Starling, M. E. Thornton.

Hickory Grove—A. B. Gilbert, J. R. Strickland, J. C. Herring.

Long Branch—J. F. Naylor, J. S. Riley, Dewey Horne.

Mill Creek—J. O. Hair, M. M. Sessoms, Mack Sessoms.

Mints—Eli Cooper, Charley Butler, C. B. Horne.

Mingo—E. A. Jackson, J. W. Aman, G. L. Baggett.

Mt. Elam—Ira Baggett, Lundy Warren, P. M. Jackson, W. R. Warren.

Mt. Vernon—.

Piney Green—Harvey Simpson, Radford Fann, F. M. Tew, E. C. Grantham, Jona Hudson.

Pleasant Union—W. R. McKenzie, W. A. Sewell, E. S. Howard, R. K. Sessoms.

Parkersburg—.

Roseboro—W. J. Butler, Fred Simpson, G. W. Butler, Mrs. Kate Butler, Bessie West.

Royals Chapel—.

Salemburg—R. N. Butler, A. P. Howard, Dr. G. L. Sikes, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. Virginia, Royal.

Spring Branch—O. D. Strickland, David Williford, M. W. Naylor, Frank Tew, D. M. Williford.

Union Grove—.

White Oak—Percy Owens, George Pope, R. M. Crumpler.

On motion a vote of thanks is extended the good people of Mingo church and vicinity for their very kind hospitality and especially the substantial way they have taken care of this Association. Moved to adjourn.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Aricle 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

TABLE 1—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church property	Gains			Losses			Number of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	Jno. L. Williams, Dunn	3rd Sun.	$2,500.00	10	7				2	34	55	89
Autryville	Wm. M. Huggins, Autryville	R. L. Hall, Autryville	Third	2,500.00		4		5	3	3	51	75	126
Baptist Chapel	Lonnie Sasser, Cooper	A. K. Page, Cooper	2 Sun	1500.00	7		1	5	1		114	147	261
Beulah													
Brown's	L. J. Williams, Clinton	W. C. Howard, Clinton	First	650.00					11	1	13	23	36
Center	H. I. Hester, Wake Forest	J. T. Williams, Wade, N. C.	Fourth	1000.00	1	1		1		1	44	63	107
Clement													
Corinth													
Concord													
Elizabeth	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	A. H. McLemore, Roseboro	Third	800.00		1	1	9	1	2	58	76	134
Godwin													
Hickory Grove	G. A. Bain, Dunn, N. C.	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	2-Sat-Sun	900.00	10			1	2		34	51	85
Long Branch	John Prevatt, Buies, N. C.	J. T. Hall, Autryville	2-Sat-Sun	1000.00			1	1		7			129
Mary's Chapel													
Mill Creek		J. A. Horne, Roseboro		600.00				1		2	25	47	72
Mints	C. B. Horne,	Evander Simpson, Mints	1 Sun.										
Mingo	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	Joe Baggett, Cooper R. 1.	2 Sun.	2000.00	1	13		1		1	38	43	81
Mt Elam	W. H. Barnes, Salemburg	W. R. Warren, Huntley	2 Sun	500.00	11		1	1		2	77	109	186
Mt Vernon													
Piney Green	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	H. G. Sessoms, Huntley	2 Sun	2000.00	14	1	4	1		3	106	146	252
Pleasant Union	J. W. Cobb, Lumber Bridge	J. E. Horne, Autryville	2 Sun	500.00		2		1		2	31	61	92
Parkersburg													
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	1- 3 Sun	850.00	2	2	1	4					132
Royal's Chapel													
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	2&4 Sun	3000.00		10		7		2	106	142	248
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn	1-Sa-Su-3S	5000.00	14	4		9	7	6	197	200	407
Union Grove													
White Oak	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	R. M. Crumpler, Clinton	4-Sun	1200.00		3				2	28	50	78

TABLE 2—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	$150.00	$ 30.00	$	$	$	$ 1.50	$ 8.63	$ 3.25	$ 6.50	$10.61	$ 2.59	$ 8.60	$	$ 2.00	$33.15	$ 256.83
Autryville	240.00	435.70		5.00	13.22	2.00		5.00	15.00	15.00		25.00			5.00	760.92
Baptist Chapel	130.00	365.00			15.00	2.00		10.50		16.06		100.00			100.00	738.56
Beulah																
Browns	80.00		3.00	7.00		1.00		1.00	3.00	4.00		7.00		4.00		110.00
Center	175.00	130.00		40.25		1.00	7.18	6.40	8.70	4.80	6.00	19.23	2.00	2.01	80.17	482.74
Clement				10.47			8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50		16.68			19.67	80.89
Corinth																
Concord																
Elizabeth	150.00				2.35	1.00		8.00	7.00	8.50		4.65				181.47
Godwin	105.00		35.00			1.00	2.00	8.00	3.17	5.45						159.62
Hickory Grove	141.70			18.75				43.54				22.31			106.05	332.35
Long Branch	100.00	19.15		10.00		1.90		11.00				9.66			35.30	187.01
Mary's Chapel																
Mill Creek	100.00				5.00	1.25	2.00		1.45	2.00		2.00			3.00	116.70
Mints						1.00			1.25	1.25		9.77				13.27
Mingo	100.00	179.20	89.80	25.50		1.50	7.70	8.25	14.75	14.00		27.81		1.61		470.12
Mount Elam	289.37	30.00	3.00		5.45	2.50	9.31		8.25	5.35		53.91				407.14
Mount Vernon																
Piney Green	173.16	45.00	109.30	25.20	11.25	1.00		4.05	4.50	5.00		31.90				410.36
Pleasant Union	100.00	5.00		8.00		1.00		3.98		4.06		1.62				123.66
Parkersburg																
Roseboro	500.00	350.00		32.00	11.16	2.00		127.82				126.94			150.43	1300.35
Royal's Chapel																
Salemburg	600.00		52.61	45.46	157.67	5.00		78.20	100.00	101.00	13.75	179.43	309.10		309.67	1951.89
Spring Branch	525.00	392.50	55.00	37.00	12.20	3.10		80.00	283.20	283.20	2.50	261.58	25.00	5.00	380.50	2345.78
Union Grove																
White Oak	150.00			12.00.	.50	1.00	10.00	15.00	6.00	15.00		30.00			53.50	293.00

TABLE 3—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	F. A. Page, Cooper	Emily Starling Godwin	1	10	72	82	35	12	9	$15.00	$---	$---	$---	$ 15.00
Autryville	A. A. Autry, Autryville	Mrs. A. A. Autry, Autryville	1	9	101	110	75	12		10.14	---	---	6.00	16.14
Baptist Chapel	J. W. Page, Cooper	Olivia Culbreth, Cooper	1	6	110	116	---	---	---	20.00	---	---	40.00	60.00
Beulah	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Browns	G. M. Bass, Clinton	Eldridge Flowers, Clinton	1	6	40	46	10	8		7.00	---	---	3.00	10.00
Center	J. T. Williams, Wade	Matthew Page, Wade	1	8	68	76	50	12	---	40.25	5.00	8.93	28.17	82.35
Clement	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corinth	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Concord	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Elizabeth	R .E. Hobbs, Parkersburg	Pauline Rich, Parkersburg	1	8	75	83	55	12	---	12.04	---	2.95	---	14.95
Godwin	J. H. Pope, Godwin	L. F. Pope, Godwin	1	8	32	40	25	12	5	6.60	---	18.00	---	24.60
Hickory Grove	I. T. McLamb, Clinton	---	1	6	70	76	50	1	10	---	---	---	---	---
Long Branch	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mill Creek	J. O. Hair, Roseboro	Katie Sessoms, Roseboro	1	5	56	61	---	12	---	5.00	---	---	---	5.00
Mints	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mingo	E. A. Jackson, Dunn	Vada Jackson, Dunn	1	8	94	102	52	12	1	25.50	25.00	27.81	20.00	98.31
Mount Elam	H. H. Warren, Huntley	Stella McLamb, Huntley	1	7	100	107	80	10	10	30.00	---	---	---	30.00
Mount Vernon	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Piney Green	**Radford** Fann, Huntley	Sarah Strickland, Huntley	2	11	250	261	100	12	12	25.20	---	---	---	25.20
Pleasant Union	W. A. Sewell, Roseboro	Jennie Faircloth, Roseboro	1	6	---	---	---	12	---	8.00	---	---	---	8.00
Parkersburg	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Roseboro	J. A. Barker, Roseboro	Crosby Fisher, Roseboro	1	10	125	135	65	12	2	32.00	---	66.05	79.90	176.95
Royal's Chapel	---		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Salemburg	J. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	1	11	343	355	---	12	---	45.46	17.95	93.88	35.84	193.13
Spring Branch	O. D. Strickland, Dunn	Jas. O. Newton, Dunn	1	14	226	240	---	12	---	37.00	20.00	---	---	57.00
Union Grove	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
White Oak	Percy Owens, Clinton	Henry Crumpler, Clinton	1	8	111	119	45	12	---	12.00	---	14.50	---	26.50

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCH AND NAME OF ORGANIZATION	PRESIDENT AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch church, W. M. S.	Julia C. Williams, Dunn, R. 4	10	$ 1.25	$ 2.00	$ 3.36	$	$	$ 3.00	$ 9.61
Antioch church, Sun Beam	Dora M. Williams, Dunn, R. 4	22	-----	1.00	1.00	2.59	-----	1.00	5.59
Hickory Grove, W. M. S.	Mrs. J. H. Warren, Huntley	----	6.00	.65	3.05	-----	-----	.30	10.00
Mill Creek, Sunbeams	Katie Sessoms, Roseboro	----	-----	.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Roseboro, W. M. S.	Mrs. Lizzie Watson, Roseboro	----	8.06	-----	8.90	-----	-----	2.65	19.61
Salemburg, W. M. S.	Mrs. C. S. Royal, Salemburg	48	39.45	27.42	49.08	-----	5.00	125.95	251.90
Salemburg, Y. W. A.	Maimie Howard, Salemburg	37	16.60	15.86	31.45	-----	-----	133.82	195.73
Salemburg, R. A.'s	------------------------------	R.A.	1.72	1.79	3.40	-----	-----	7.09	14.18
Salemburg, Sun Beams	Mrs. Ivery Royal, Salemburg	56	4.22	3.06	8.71	-----	-----	15.99	31.98
Spring Branch, W. M. S.	Mrs. A. E Alderman, Dunn, R. 1	----	30.35	72.07	79.07			-----	218.69

$37.20 of the Spring Branch W. M. S. Fund was contributed to the poor and Orphanage Fund.

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Baptist Chapel Baptist Church

November the 12, 13, 14, 1919.

OFFICERS:

J. M. PAGE, Moderator--------------------------------Autryville, N. C.

D. M. WILLIFORD, Cerk and Treasurer----------------Dunn, N. C., R. 1.

NEXT MEETING:

Time—October 20, 21, 22, 1920.

Place—Elizabeth Baptist Church—nearest R. R. Station---Roseboro, N. C.

Introductory Sermon—Chas. Howard.

Missionary Sermon—E. I. Olive.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
Reddin Honeycutt	Clinton, N. C.
D. W. Tew	Clinton, N. C.
M. W. Naylor	Dunn, N. C. R. 1.
G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C. R. 1.
J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
H. J. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.
C. B. Horne	Roseboro, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

D. M. Williford	Dunn, N. C. R. 1.
H. G. Sessoms	Huntley, N. C., R. 1
H. H. Warren	Huntley, N. C. R. 1.
S. A. Howard	Salemburg, N. C.
R. A. Butler	Clinton, N. C.
J. H. Warren	Huntley, N. C. R. 1.
J. L. Williams	Godwin, N. C.

PROGRAM FOR ASSOCIATION, Oct. 20, 22 and 23, 1920

WEDNESDAY MORNING

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon by Chas. Howard.
12:00 M.—Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 p. m.—Devotional exercises by J. A. Baggett.
1:30 p. m.—Organization and general business.
2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.
2:30 p. m.—Temperance and social conduct by Dr. G. L. Sikes.
3:00 p. m.—What shall the church do with its slackers by C. H. Cashwell and A. E. Alderman.

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Devotional exercises by Rev. G. A. Bain.
10:30 a. m.—Orphanage by Rev. M. W. Naylor.
11:00 a. m.—Missionary Sermon by Rev. E. I. Olive.
12:00 M.—Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:00 p. m.—Devotional exercises by A. K. Hall.
1:30 p. m.—Christian Education by Mrs. W. J. Jones.
2:00 p. m.—State Missions by J. E. Cooper.
2:30 p. m.—Home Missions by G. A. Bain and A. K. Hall.
3:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.

FRIDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.
10:30 a. m.—Woman's Work by Mrs. C. S. Royal.
11:00 a. m.—Report of Missionaries and Miscellaneous.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. JONES,
C. H. CASHWELL,
J. A. BAGGETT,
Committee.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS:

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, with all objects of our convention may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with associational mission money to the Union or to the association, stating in each case the amount, the object, and the church, keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the association.

PROCEEDINGS:

Baptist Chapel Church, November 12, 1919.

The South River Association met in its Forty-third Annual Session with Baptist Chapel Baptist Church, according to invitation and appointment, at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. M. Huggins from Text: Rev. 22-20. Subject, "The Church and Its Final Hope."

Adjournment for dinner.

1:30 p. m. Association convened by Rev. C. H. Cashwell by leading in song service, after which Bro. J. Abner Barker, present Moderator being present, is called to the chair and proceeded with the new organization before taking a vote for Moderator for the coming year. Bro. Barker asked the Brethren present to please not consider his name for Moderator, and also expressed his very sincere regrets that owing to present conditions that existed on account of his professional duties made it difficult for him to serve the Association longer as Moderator.

The election of Moderator next. The name of Bro. J. M. Page was put in nomination,—and on motion Bro. Page was unanimously elected as Moderator for ensuing associational year.

Next is the election of Clerk and Treasurer, whereupon Bro. D. M. Williford, present incumbent, is by motion unanimously elected to succeed himself as Clerk and Treasurer. Moderator appoints some committees as follows: Reading Clerks. It is moved and seconded that a Delegate from each church bringing a letter be asked to read his letters himself or hand it to Clerk who would read it for him. Motion carried. Moderator appoints Brethren J. A. Baggett, C. H. McLamb and N. T. Williams as Finance Committee.

Visiting Brethren and Pastors present as follows: Bro. C. H. Cashwell, of Mount Zion Association and Bro. C. D. Peterson, of the Eastern Association, were recognized. Resident Pastors present: Rev. W. M. Huggins, M. W. Naylor and W. J. Jones.

Next in order is a committee to nominate Executive Board. On motion the members of the old board present are re-elected and requested to elect members to fill vacancies themselves. Moderator appoints Brethren W. J. Jones, I. T. McLamb, C. H. Cashwell and Mrs. J. A. Baggett as Committee on Time, Place and Program for next session of the Association.

List of churches called and eight responded by letter. On motion program for the balance of the day is laid over until tomorrow. Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

At 10 o'clock a. m. devotional exercises by Rev. Reddin Honeycutt, from 13th Chapter of Hebrews, after which Association is convened by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. List of churches called, 11 responded by letter. The regular routine of business is took up. Bro. W. M. Huggins is appointed a committee and instructed to select two other members to assist him to draw up Resolutions of Respect and of appreciation for the services rendered by our departed Brethren and members of the Executive Board, E. T. Turlington and C. M. Hall.

Report on Periodicals is read by Rev. W. M. Huggins. Discussed by Bro. Huggins and others. By motion report is adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS TO THE SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION

There are at this time more than 290,000 white Baptist in the State of North Carolina, all of which are active or otherwise, and many of whom are otherwise than active.

Today, both church and state are calling for well informed and active men. Observation teaches us that men and women of information are the most active in every vocation. The things that interest them most are the things of which they have some knowledge.

At this moment the question is being asked by every denomination, "Why so much lethargy on spiritual lines at home and abroad"? It seems to me the question may be settled by simply saying, "A lack of information."

Our people are not informed from a denominational standpoint. In this busy age, when men are living at such a rapid pace, they do not take time to cutivate their religious nature.

Men seem to forget that they are composed of both social and religious ingredients.

The Recorder is the organ of the Baptist State Convention, a bureau of religious information. Yea, it is more than this, it is the spiritual thermometer of our denominational pulse. The editorials contained therein are of the highest type. Its news notes are exceedingly helpful and instructive. Indeed, its every department is more than helpful and encouraging. For more than three quarters of a century it has been going in the homes of our Baptist host of North Carolina as an illuminator of the mind and a teacher of Religious thought and knowledge. Hence, it deserves a place by every Baptist fireside in our State. Her message should be, and is, a disseminator of Baptist principles and religious knowledge. Her field is every Baptist home in North Carolina. Our people need to be informed as to how little we are doing as well as how much. Such my friends should have the hearty support of every pastor in the state, for truly she is the pastors helper.

Charity and Children should have the warm support of every Sunday School. There is a two-fold blessing in Charity and Children. We get information and also contribute to the needs of the Orphanage. It goes each week into something like 25,000 homes.

The Home Mission Journal is a storehouse of knowledge of home work. The Foreign Mission Journal, too, is a source of information on Foreign Mission work.

We therefore recommend that each pastor of this Association do his best to put four periodicals in the home of every Baptist in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. MARVIN HUGGINS.

On motion the Report is adopted.

At 11 o'clock a. m. time for Missionary Sermon. Bro. J. A. Campbell, who was to preach the sermon is not present and Bro. C. H. Cashwell is asked to preach Missionary Sermon, which he did very ably and acceptably from Text: Mat. 28 Chap. 16-20 verses. Adjourned for dinner.

At 1:30 p. m. Association convened by devotional exercises and song service. Just at this time it was announced that Bro. W. M. Page, who had been a faithful pastor at Baptist Chapel in former years, and at other places in the South River Association, was present, and the people present felt like they wanted to manifest their love and appreciation of Bro. Page in some way. A collection was taken and $58.60 was raised for this faithful servant of God. The enrollment of delegates and reading of letters is by motion omitted.

On motion Dr. G. L. Sikes leads discussion on Temperance and Social Conduct, followed by Bro. A. E. Alderman and W. J. Jones.

By motion report is adopted with request that a written report be furnished the Clerk for the Minutes later.

Report on Ministerial Relief is next on program. Bro. A. P. Howard, who is committee on this report is not present, but by motion it is ordered that Bro. Howard be notified to furnish Clerk with a report on this work.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Board, of the South River Association, beg leave to report from Nov. 1918, to Nov. 1919, as follows:

We have recommended Bro. W. N. Johnson to pay to Rev. M. W. Naylor $5.00 per month, $60.00 for the year, for his services at Beulah church. Also recommended that Bro. Johnson pay to Rev. W. J. Jones $10.00 per month or $120.00, for the year, for his services at Parkersburg church. We also wish to thank the churches of this Association for their contributions and co-operation in every way with us in this work.

(Signed)

D. M. WILLIFORD,
H. G. SESSOMS,
R. A. BUTLER,
Members of the Board.

We also nominate the following named Brethren as members of the Executive Board for the ensuing year:

D. M. WILLIFORD, Chairman
H. G. SESSOMS, Secretary
R. A. BUTLER,
S. A. HOWARD,
H. H. WARREN,
J. H. WARREN,
JNO. L. WILLIAMS.

By motion report is adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSION

Mrs. Virginia Royal, committee on this report, is not present. It is moved and seconded that she be asked to send in to the Clerk a written report later. (No report.)

Mrs. C. S. Royal is present. By motion Mrs. Royal is asked to give us a report on Woman's Work. Mrs. Royal had no written report, but after giving us a good talk on this subject, she is asked to furnish the Clerk with a written report on this work.

At this point Mrs. W. J. Jones gave us a very good report on Pineland School for Girls at Salemburg.

Committee on Resolutions and Respect to the memory and for the services of Brethren E. T. Turlington and C. M. Hall was read by Rev. W. M. Huggins.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

A wave of sadness passes over the spirit of the South River Association, when it is realized that Brethren Charlie Hall and E. T. Turlington, have been called to associate with the redeemed, in the realms beyond the confines of earth. No faces were more familiar than theirs and no interests were more intense than theirs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, FIRST, That we, as an Association, do lament their departure and do miss their sympathy and encouragement in the affairs of the Association.

SECOND, That we do extend our sympathy and prayers to the bereaved homes of these brethren, and do pray God's richest blessings on their loved ones.

THIRD, That a copy of these resolutions be given to their families, and a copy be spread upon the Minutes of the Annual Report of the Association.

On motion report is adopted.

Rev. M. W. Naylor, committee on Obituary, read report.

REPORT ON OBITUARY

During the past year the Lord has called from our ranks some of His best and most faithful servants. Their fellowships here were sweet and dear, but their places are vacant now. Though we feel sure they are now filling better places in the company of the redeemed. The names of a few we mention: E. T. Turlington and C. M. Hall, both of whom were members of the Executive Board, and faithful attendants on all our Unions and Associations. Also Bro. David Hawley. These with many others have done their part and have gone to receive their reward. May the Lord help us to do our part well, that we at last may go to be with them forever.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. NAYLOR, Committee.

Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

THURSDAY MORNING

At 10 o'clock a. m. devotional exercises by Bro. A. E. Alderman by reading the 23rd Psalm. After prayer and song service the Association was convened by Moderator J. M. Page. List of churches called and three responded.

On motion it is ordered that we move our time of meeting back to Wednesday after the third Sunday in October of each year.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Bro Hamrick is not present to report on this work and Rev. G. A. Bain is asked to discuss this subject, which he did in a very forceful manner, and he is also asked to furnish a report to the Clerk on this subject, that he might get it into our Minutes.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage rests heavily on the hearts of our people. More than 525 boys and girls are growing into honorable manhood and womanhood under its benign influence. Its record is rich in helpful service; our people are satisfied.

We feel more keenly with each passing year our obligation to the children who cry to us for help and friendship. And as this obligation is more clearly seen and felt, we the more gladly and generously discharge it.

And this is well, for the enormous and outrageous prices that we are obliged to pay for every household necessity makes it essential to increase the current fund in order to keep our beloved institution out of the bondage and peril of debt.

Furthermore, the pressure for admittance from boys and girls on the outside grows stronger day by day. Hundreds of homeless children utterly helpless and dependent clamor at the doors. The Lord has poured material things upon us. Our barns are filled with plenty and our presses burst out with new wine. We are well able to heed the cry of these children, and we must heed it or suffer ourselves.

To give relief to this army of children we must largely increase our current fund. What comes into the treasury barely covers the cost of supporting those within the walls of the Orphanage.

We have many children here who might be cared for by their mothers, if a little help were supplied to them by the communities from which they come. The welfare workers of the state, with Mr. Roland F. Beasley as their head, are trying to hold these household intact. We would give our hearty endorsement to this agency of help and blessing and thus make more room in the Orphanage for those who have neither mother nor father but are wholly dependent upon the institution for their care and training.

Your committee would recommend:

(1) The plan of setting apart ONE DAY FOR THE ORPHANAGE at or near Thanksgiving by every man, woman and child in this association.

(2) A monthly contribution from every Sunday School in this Association.

(3) A club of CHARITY AND CHILDREN in the well organized Sunday Schools with an individual copy to as many others as possible.

Be sure to see that the churches have credit for all Orphanage contributions on 75 Million Dollar Fund.

Report adopted.

G. A. BAIN, Committee.

REPORT ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Bro. J. O. Tew, committee on this subject is not present, and it is ordered that Bro. Tew be requested to furnish the Clerk with a written report on this subject to go into our Minutes. No report.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Miss Bonnie Howard, committee on this report is not present, and Mrs. S. A. Howard is asked to discuss this subject, which she did very acceptably. Also discussed by Rev. M. W. Naylor.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

By Bro. A. E. Alderman. The Baptist Young People's Union is the training service in the local Baptist church. It aims to secure the development of the recruits as they come into the church, in all things which belong to church membership. It is an organization within the church and is not separate from it.

The plan is that of weekly meetings in which the young people take part. Each in his turn, according to grouping of the membership on the basis of not less than seven, nor more than ten Minutes to each group.

The B. Y. P. U. fosters a devotional reading of the Bible and the system of giving to all the objects of benevolence, fostered by the church, according to the church plan. The B. Y. P. U. therefore developes a loyalty to their churches among the young people and gives them work to do for their Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. ALDERMAN, Committee.

Discussions on this report by Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. Charlie Williams and Rev. W. J. Jones. By motion report is adopted.

Committee on Time, Place and Program are ready to report. Report as follows:

WEDNESDAY MORNING

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Chas. Howard.
12:00 M.—Dinner.
1:00 p. m.—Devotional exercises by J. A. Baggett.
1:30 p. m.—Organization.
2:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.
2:30 p. m.—Temperance and Social Conduct by Dr. G. L. Sikes.
3:00 p. m.—What shall the Church do with Its Slackers by A. E. Alderman and Rev. C. H. Cashwell.

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 a. m.—Devotional Service by G. A. Bain.
10:30 a. m.—Orphanage by M. W. Naylor.
11:00 a. m.—Mission Sermon by Rev. E. I. Olive.
12:00 M.—Dinner.
1:00 p. m.—Devotional exercises by A. K. Hall.
1:30 p. m.—Christian Education by Mrs. W. J. Jones.
2:00 p. m.—State Missions by J. E. Cooper.
2:30 p. m.—Home Missions by G. A. Bain and A. K. Hall.
3:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.

FRIDAY MORNING

10.00 a. m.—Devotional Services by M. Williams.
10:30 a. m.—Woman's Work by Mrs. C. S. Royal.
11:00 a. m.—Report of Missionaries.

Time of meeting in October:—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the third Sunday.

Place of meeting:—With Elizabeth church.

W. J. JONES,
C. H. CASHWELL,
J. A. BAGGETT,
Committee.

On motion report is adopted.

Bro. D. M. Williford, Treasurer, submits his report from Nov. 1918, to Nov. 1919, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasury from last association	$ 7.63
Received from committee at association at Mingo church	248.39
Received from S. S. Union, Salemburg	46.77
Received from Union at Union Grove	77.56
Received from Union at Center church	78.58
Total received from all sources	$458.93

The following amounts have been paid out since last association:

Paid to Walters Durham	$275.30
Paid to F. B. Hamrick	111.72
Paid to Clerk for his services and printing Minutes	62.50
Postage allowed	.88
Paid W. M. Page	3.00
Total paid out	$453.40
Balance in treasury	5.53
Total	$458.93

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. WILLIFORD, Treasurer.

The above account has been audited and found correct.

M. W. NAYLOR,
H. G. SESSOMS,
Auditing committee.

Report is adopted.

It is moved and seconded that we suspend the business of the Association now for one hour and give this time to Bro. A. P. Howard to discuss the work of the 75 Million Dollar Campaign. Bro. Howard, the associational director, lays before us the great work of the campaign. This was followed by discussions by Revs. W. J. Jones, C. H. Cashwell, A. E. Alderman, G. A. Bain, Sister W. J. Jones and S. A. Howard. All present enjoyed these discussions from these Brethren and Sisters, and we feel that these talks will mean a great deal for this work.

At this point there was a motion and a second, that we undertake to raise $60,000.00 in this association as our apportionment.

Letters from Mt. Vernon and Union Grove churches were handed to the Clerk, with instructions from the Moderator, to add them to the regular list of churches reported.

The Finance Committee makes the following report:

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have received from the different churches, represented at this Association, for the different objects of the convention, the sum of three hundred and fifty-six and thirteen-hundredth dollars ($356.13), and paid same to Bro. D. M. Williford, treasurer, as follows:

Minute fund	$ 34.50
Association Missions	46.78
State Missions	49.60
Home Missions	27.55
Foreign Missions	31.12
S. S. Missions	9.57
Orphanage	75.91
Christian Education	25.50
Ministerial relief	55.60
Total	$356.13

By motion report is adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. McLAMB,
J. A. BAGGETT,
N. T. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the Finance Committee's report, and have found it correct.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. NAYLOR,
H. G. SESSOMS,
Auditing Committee.

It is ordered that the Clerk be allowed $30.00 for his services in preparing the Minutes for the printer. Also to take from the funds enough to pay himself and for paying for printing the Minutes from the funds in his hands.

At this point it is moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the good people of this community for their kind hospitality during this Association.

Moved to adjourn.

J. M. PAGE, Moderator.
D. M. WILLIFORD, Clerk.

LIST OF DELEGATES FROM EACH CHURCH

Antioch—W. C. Pope, A. B. Barefoot, J. M. Jones and Dora Williams.
Baptist Chapel—A. K. Page, M. A. Jackson and C. M. Tew.
Beulah Church—J. B. Young, Handy McLamb and T. B. Barefoot.
Center—N. A. Williams, J. T. Williams and F. A. Royal.
Clement—Alex Bullard, D. W. Williams and J. W. Matthews.
Corinth—E. A. Holden, N. C. Warren and Iverson Royal.

Concord—C. S. Davis, Andrew Riley, Theodore Cashwell.

Elizabeth—M. O. Williams, E. K. Faircloth and J. H. Porter.

Godwin—Duncan Pope, T. L. Starling and Mrs. J. T. Cooke.

Hickory Grove—I. T. McLamb, M. D. Strickland and J. L. Taylor.

Long Branch—Sion Horne, O. D. Hall and Anderson Hall.

Mill Creek—J. A. Horne, J. O. Hair, M. M. Sessoms.

Mints—Chas. Butler, Carlton Howell and H. C. Johnson.

Mingo—E. A. Jackson, Eddie Aman and Autry Baggett.

Mt. Elam—Lundy Warren, Grady Warren and J. F. Jackson.

Mt. Vernon—Tim Pope, Ernest McLamb and Gordan Britt.

Piney Green—C. H. McLamb, R. E. Simmons, Jno. R. McLamb and Harvey Simpson.

Pleasant Union—W. R. McKinzie, W. A. Sewell and M. O. Butler.

Roseboro—W. J. Butler, Geo. W. Butler, Mrs. Kate Butler and J. R. Patterson.

Salemburg—Charlie Williams, J. E. Cooper, V. T. Baggett, Mrs. J. E. Cooper and Mrs. Charlie Williams.

Spring Branch—M. W. Naylor, D. M. Williford, J. M. Jackson, J. L. Jackson, and O. C. Williford.

Union Grove—J. A. Williams, J. R. Williams, Isaac Williams and Randal Williams.

White Oak—D. B. Tew, Fred Williamson and Webster Crumpler.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday after the third Sabbath in October at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

TABLE 1—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	H. R. Starling, Godwin	3-Sat-Sun	$3,000.00				1			34	54	88
Autryville													
Baptist Chapel	C. H. Cashwell, Wake Forest	N. T. Williams, Cooper	2nd Sun	2,000.00	10	6		2		4	120	151	271
Beulah	M. W. Naylor, Dunn	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn	4-Sat-Sun	700.00					5		15	45	60
Brown's													
Center	A. H. Porter, Renart	J. T. Williams, Wade	2nd Sun	1,200.00		2		1			44	60	104
Clement	Chas. Howard, Wake Forest	J. T. Hays, Cooper	1&3 Sun	3,000.00	9	12		1		3	66	94	160
Corinth	G. A. Bain, Dunn	F. F. Royal, Clinton	1st Sun	2,000.00	10	2		1		3	41	41	82
Concord	John Prevatt, Buie	L. V. Hair, Autryville	1st Sun	2,000.00	8	1	3	1	3	1	51	118	169
Elizabeth	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	A. H. McLemore, Roseboro	3rd Sun	3,000.00	4	2				1	57	81	138
Godwin	A. P. Stephens, Boardman	J. H. Pope, Godwin	1st Sun	3,500.00	1			1	5	1	30	32	62
Hickory Grove	G. A. Bain, Dunn	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	2nd Sun	1,200.00	2	4		2			33	53	86
Long Branch	G. A. Bain, Dunn	A. S. Hall, Autryville	4th Sun	1,200.00	3	1		5	1	4	35	95	130
Mary's Chapel													
Mill Creek	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. A. Horne, Roseboro	2nd Sun	600.00				2			24	46	70
Mints	W. M. Kelley, Roseboro	Evander Simpson, Roseboro	3-Sat Sun	700.00	8	5		1			18	29	47
Mingo	E. I. Olive, Dunn	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	2nd Sun	2,000.00	2	5		3			38	47	85
Mt. Elam	W. H. Barnes, Moltonville	W. R. Warren, Huntley	3rd Sun	5,000.00				3	3	4	104	141	245
Mt. Vernon	G. A. Bain, Dunn	Manly Britt, Moltonville		1,250.00		3		5		2	29	32	61
Piney Green	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	Braxton Fann, Huntley	2nd Sun	200.00				3	3		75	105	180
Pleasant Union	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. E. Horne, Autryville	1st Sun	500.00		1			1		30	60	90
Parkersburg													
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	1&3 Sun	1,200.00	5	7	1				57	82	139
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	2&4 Sun	5,000.00	16	12		15		4	100	132	232
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn	1-S&S 3-S	6,500.00	17	4		15		5	208	200	400
Union Grove	John Prevatt, Buie	R. C. Howard, Autryville	4th Sun	1,000.00	19	2	6	3		1	52	54	106
White Oak	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	R. M. Crumpler, Clinton	4th S. p.m	1,200.00	5	5		5		3	31	48	79

TABLE 2—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Minister's Relief	Other Objects	Total
Antioch	$180.00	$ 65.00	$	$25.00	$	$ 2.00	$20.63	$13.00	$10.00	$13.00	$	$20.40	$	$ 7.00	$73.00	$429.03
Autryville	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Baptist Chapel	276.67	366.90	31.15	22.33	10.00	3.00	10.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	7.00	111.00	7.00	7.00	85.42	1012.37
Beulah	60.00	-----	-----	16.00	-----	1.00	6.02	10.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	35.00	128.02
Brown's	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Center	225.00	-----	-----	38.00	-----	1.00	5.00	1.86	3.98	7.40	-----	18.00	-----	3.68	40.00	343.92
Clement	174.92	150.00	-----	4.57	-----	3.00	15.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	9.07	29.37	-----	10.00	10.00	450.93
Corinth	150.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	.50	2.00	1.00	.50	.45	.50	1.25	.50	.50	-----	157.20
Concord	150.00	-----	78.13	9.27	-----	2.15	1.00	4.10	4.70	7.49	-----	1.00	-----	1.00	-----	258.84
Elizabeth	150.00	3000.00	20.00	18.00	-----	2.00	-----	3.00	16.06	15.50	-----	40.00	4.00	3.00	12.00	3283.56
Godwin	125.00	-----	40.00	7.20	-----	1.00	-----	9.00	4.25	5.00	-----	12.00	-----	-----	-----	202.45
Hickory Grove	150.50	-----	80.00	19.10	7.00	-----	5.00	12.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	274.25
Long Branch	150.00	-----	-----	15.00	-----	2.00	10.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.00	-----	2.00	41.69	231.69
Mary's Chapel	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mill Creek	100.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	.85	1.50	6.35	1.00	4.00	-----	5.00	-----	-----	-----	118.71
Mints	48.00	346.46	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.70	-----	2.50	-----	4.30	-----	-----	19.00	423.96
Mingo	250.00	-----	-----	29.70	-----	2.00	5.17	75.00	40.00	60.75	-----	126.89	25.00	30.00	23.00	667.51
Mt. Elam	229.50	-----	-----	18.25	-----	1.00	21.18	8.00	4.07	7.75	-----	14.62	-----	2.00	-----	307.37
Mt. Vernon	150.00	-----	55.00	12.50	-----	1.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	70.50	289.00
Piney Green	150.00	-----	86.80	13.94	-----	3.00	-----	22.00	40.00	53.00	10.00	50.00	10.00	5.00	-----	443.74
Pleasant Union	125.00	-----	-----	8.00	-----	1.00	-----	10.55	1.48	1.11	-----	9.00	-----	2.60	9.75	158.99
Parkersburg	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Roseboro	500.00	4578.08	-----	32.00	-----	-----	-----	100.00	100.00	115.04	-----	150.00	-----	-----	183.27	5728.39
Salemburg	800.00	-----	232.41	68.65	34.55	5.00	-----	100.00	160.00	160.00	15.00	126.57	2023.50	25.00	135.98	3886.66
Spring Branch	750.00	400.00	190.50	64.37	19.00	5.00	-----	266.65	268.60	356.63	-----	374.45	400.00	15.35	925.92	4036.47
Union Grove	150.00	-----	-----	28.16	-----	2.00	-----	7.00	4.55	6.25	-----	21.00	-----	-----	-----	218.96
White Oak	150.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	70.00	70.00	71.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	83.50	445.00

TABLE 3—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	F. A. Page, Cooper	Vanie Holland, Godwin	1	7	75	82	40	12	---	$25.00	$	$	$	$25.00
Autryville			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Baptist Chapel	Cornelius Daniels, Cooper	Mary Daniels, Cooper	1	6	225	231	150	12	4	22.33	---	60.00	10.00	92.23
Beulah	J. B. Young, Benson	L. H. Moore, Benson	1	6	84	90	---	6	---	10.00	---	---	---	10.00
Brown's			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Center	J. T. Williams, Wade	Matthew Page, Wade	1	13	50	63	40	12	---	38.00	---	7.00	---	45.00
Clement	J. M. Page, Autryville	Alfred Matthews, Autryville	1	9	75	84	50	12	7	4.57	9.09	4.43	4.47	22.54
Corinth	E. A. Holden, Huntley	Maude McKinzie, Clinton	1	6	97	103	42	9	9	---	---	---	---	---
Concord			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Elizabeth	M. Cannady, Roseboro	Ada Faircloth, Rosebore	1	8	126	134	---	12	3	---	---	---	---	---
Godwin	J. H. Pope, Godwin	L. F. Pope, Godwin	1	8	34	42	23	12	1	7.20	---	12.00	---	19.20
Hickory Grove	I. T. McLamb, Clinton	Lula Gilbert, Clinton	1	7	70	77	40	9	2	19.10	---	---	---	19.10
Long Branch	J. F. Naylor, Autryville	Polly Sessoms, Autryville	1	7	75	82	---	7	2	15.00	---	---	---	15.00
Mill Creek	W. D. Lemar, Roseboro	Katie Sessoms, Roseboro	1	5	30	35	---	12	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mints	Evander Simpson, Roseboro	H. C. Johnson, Roseboro	1	7	77	84	---	12	8	13.19	---	7.00	---	20.19
Mingo	E. A. Jackson, Dunn	Vada Jackson, Dunn	1	7	105	112	55	12	2	29.70	---	---	---	29.70
Mt. Elam	Aulie McLamb, Huntley	W. B. Warren, Huntley	1	7	109	116	80	9	---	18.25	---	14.62	---	32.87
Mt. Vernon	James E. Britt, Moltonville	Hubert Pope, Moltonville	1	8	60	68	20	9	---	12.50	---	---	---	12.50
Piney Green	C. H. McLamb, Huntley	Vanzie Sessoms, Huntley	2	11	240	251	95	12	---	13.94	---	10.25	---	24.19
Pleasant Union	W. A. Sewell, Roseboro	Sarah Parker, Roseboro	1	6	80	86	30	12	---	8.00	---	3.00	---	11.00
Parkersburg			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Roseboro	J. A. Barker, Roseboro	Latham West, Roseboro	1	8	125	133	75	12	5	32.00	---	150.00	798.89	973.89
Salemburg	J. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	1	12	315	327	200	12	16	68.65	113.09	108.22	30.50	320.46
Spring Branch	O. D. Strickland, Dunn	W. F. Dawson, Dunn	1	14	252	266	---	12	---	64.37	---	88.68	---	153.05
Union Grove	R. C. Howard, Autryville	Hassie Williams, Autryville	1	6	141	147	72	9	19	28.16	17.80	21.00	---	66.96
White Oak	Percy Owens, Clinton	Harvey Crumpler, Clinton	1	8	88	96	55	12	5	20.00	16.00	25.00	---	61.00

THE WOMAN'S ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT PINEY GREEN

Saturday, October 18, 1919.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH RIVER

The weather was bad. It would not stop raining—and we feared the meeting with Piney Green Church, to which we had looked forward with much pleasant anticipation, would be a failure. But such was not the case. Many braved the weather and went. The loyal, cordial women, of the Piney Green Church, were right there with smiles on their faces—and dinner for the crowd. We proceeded with a most successful meeting while the rain kept pouring outside.

Dinner hour came and still it was raining, but that did not keep the ladies from serving their good things at the appointed time. The strong men present immediately turned benches together, the ladies spread their clean cloths and prepared a feast, for which we felt they deserved a vote of thanks.

The afternoon session was live and interesting. The program, necessarily somewhat impromptu, because of the absence of so many, was concluded, business discharged and meeting adjourned.

Special features of the day were the address of Mrs. C. S. Royal, president; splendid report of the various churches and the blackboard report on Finances.

Time of next meeting:—October.
Place of next meeting:—Hickory Grove.

NOTE REPORT! IT SHOWS PROGRESS!

FINANCIAL WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. S. A. Howard	$1,000.00
J. E. Cooper's Children	15.00
R. A. Salemburg	37.67
Roseboro	37.42

Antioch	12.25
Elizabeth	15.00
Hickory Grove	12.80
White Oak	18.05
Salemburg	127.21
Spring Branch	200.00

Y. W. A.

Salemburg	$ 59.55
Spring Branch	71.00

SUNBEAMS

Antioch	$ 7.62
Autryville	2.80
White Oak	1.60
Roseboro	7.10
Salemburg	16.47
Spring Branch	27.45
Total	$1,668.99

NOTE PROGRESS:

1916—1917	$ 392.92
1917—1918	$ 533.89
1918—1919	$1,668.99

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11:30 a. m.—Missionary Sermon (Foreign) W. M. Kelley.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 p. m.—Devotional exercises by Everitt Canady.
1:15 p. m.—Sunday Schools by J. H. Warren.
2:00 p. m.—Temperance by Mrs. W. J. Jones.
2:15 p. m.—Obituaries by S. A. Howard.
2:30 p. m.—Report of Executive Board.
3:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. NAYLOR,
MRS. J. ABNER BARKER,
MRS. W. J. BUTLER,
Committee.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS

Moneys collected during the year for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, with all objects of the convention may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with associational mission money to the Union or to the association. Stating in each case the amount, the object, and the church, keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the association.

ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH

October 20th, 1920, Wednesday morning.

South River Association met in its Forty-fourth Annual Session with the church at Elizabeth, according to invitation and appointment. 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. M. Kelley, from Motthew, 16th chapter and 9th verse.

12:00 M. Dinner.

1:00 p. m. Devotional exercises by E. L. Middleton by reading 46th Psalm after song and prayer. Association called to order by moderator.

1:30 p. m. Organization. Election of moderator was first taken up by motion Brother J. M. Page, the present incumbent, was unanimously elected to succeed himself as moderator for ensuing year.

Next was the election of clerk and treasurer. Brother D. M. Williford our present clerk and treasurer, is re-elected to succeed himself, in this place.

Moderator makes the following appointments: Reading clerks, Rev. W. J. Jones and Brother J. Abner Barker. Committee on Finance, Brethren S. B. Stevens and F. C. Howard. Committee to nominate Executive Board, Brothers G. A. Bain, W. J. Butler and T. J. Hood. Committee on place and program, M. W. Naylor, Mrs. W. J. Butler and Mrs. J. A. Barker. Auditing committee Brethren M. O. Williams, Luther Porter and Charley Holland.

The following visiting Brethren are recognized: E. L. Middleton, our Sunday School Secretary and Brother F. B. Hamrick, treasurer of Thomasville Baptist Orphanage and Rev. W. M. Kelley from the Eastern Association. The following Deacons are recognized: M. O. Williams, J. H. Porter, B. L. West, J. O. Honeycutt, J. O. Hair, E. K. Faircloth, Charles Butler, Autry Baggett, T. J. Autry, S. A. Howard, E. A. Jackson, O. D. Matthews and D. M. Williford, Sunday School superintendents present: J. Abner Barker, M. W. Naylor, E. A. Jackson, Arthur Porter.

List of churches called and 11 responded. Letter from Clement church with invitation for next session of the association is, by motion, tabled.

Brethren Jno. L. Williams and L. W. Starling from Antioch church is present without a letter and on motion Brethrens Williams and Starling is recorded as Delegates.

Members of the executive Board present, as follows: S. A. Howard, D. M. Williford and J. H. Warren, J. L. Williams.

First on program is Temperance and social conduct by Dr. G. L. Sikes. Discussed by Brethren F. B. Hamrick, D. W. Tew and T. J. Hood. On motion report is adopted and Brother Sikes is requested to furnish the clerk with written report for his minutes.

Next on programme is Orphanage Report by Rev. M. W. Naylor. Discussed by Brother F. B. Hamrick. On motion report is adopted.

(ORPHANAGE REPORT.)

An orphan child is an object of pity, deserving to be kindly remembered. Without father or mother to take care and look after it, our people are very thoughtful and sympathetic towards the dear little ones when we help feed, clothe and furnish homes for the orphans, we are doing service for the Lord. It is a doleful note the orphans cry brings to us, but it has a sound of joy because it brings opportunity, and where could we go or what could we do or be without opportunity to exercise our religion.

We suggest that our churches hear the appeals coming from the Thomasville Orphanage and answer in a substantial way.

M. W. NAYLOR, Committee.

Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING

10:00 o'clock a. m. Devotional exercises by Rev. T. J. Hood by reading from 27th to 39th verses of the 8th chapter of Luke, followed by song service and prayer. Association is now convened by Moderator J. M. Page.

Brethren W. M. Kelley and L. W. Starling are appointed by moderator to prepare a report on Sunday Schools.

Brethren Autry Baggett and M. W. Naylor are appointed Committee on obituaries.

Brother J. W. Bell from Eastern Association is recognized. Committee to name delegates to State and Southern Baptist Convention, M. W. Naylor, T. J. Hood and W. J. Jones.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. W. M. Kelley and very ably discussed by Brother E. L. Middleton. On motion report is adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

There was never a time when we needed to emphasize the work of every religious agency so much as now. Our Sunday-school work has such large possibilities in winning the lost to Christ and training the saved for efficient service that we cannot afford to treat it lightly.

Southern Baptists have undertaken a great Sunday school program. As one of the features of the 75 Million Campaign our Sunday school Board, with the campaign workers, have outlined for us a great challenging task, therefore, we, in our Association, commit ourselves to the following policies for next year and the years following:

1. Enlargement. There are at least 500,000 people in North Carolina unreached by any Sunday school for whom white Baptists are responsible if we do only our proportionate part of reaching the unreached. We commend the religious census as the best way of performing this task effectively.

2. Adequate Organization and Equipment are necessary if we are going to properly take care of these people and those already enrolled. This means that our workers must learn how to group, or grade, our pupils into the right kind of classes and departments. Then again, we must not forget the physical equipment that will at least meet minimum educational standards. We must provide class rooms, suitable seats, maps, black boards etc.,

3. Teacher Training is a basal necessity in such an hour as this. Our Sunday school Board is urging our people to so press this work that by 1924 we shall have 150,000 people holding the Normal Diploma. This means a great forward movement in our work. We urge the heartiest co-operation on the part of our pastors, officers and teachers.

4. Organized Classes are the most effective organizations for reaching, training and using the men and women of our churches and congregations. No other plan has succeeded so well as this. We commend the "Organized Class Magazine" as the best periodical available for the officers of these classes.

5. Evangelism should be the main objective in the work of every Sunday school. Every year in our Baptist constituency at least 20,000 children reach the year of accountability. This does not include thousands and tens of thousands of larger boys and girls and men and women who are not saved and yet who must be reached by us if they are ever reached for the kingdom. We commend a study of the book, "Winning to Christ," by all of our Sunday school workers.

6. Co-operation with the Sunday school Department of the State Mis-

sion Board is our duty. This Department stands ready at all times to send helpful tracts on practically every phase of Sunday school work. These are absolutely free and can be secured from Secretary E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C. He will also aid in every possible way in providing Training Schools and Institutes for groups of churches in cities, towns or country. He urges inquiry from every one who has an unsolved Sunday school problem.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. KELLEY,
L. W. STARLING.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 p. m. Devotional exercises by Brother C. L. Turner of Delway, N. C.

Moderator called list of churches which were not present yesterday. Twelve reported. Later two others reported making a total of 25.

First subject for discussion is Christian Education. There being no written report ready Mrs. W. J. Jones gave us a nice talk on this subject, whereupon report was adopted and Mrs. Jones was asked to furnish the clerk with a written report for the minutes. This report was followed by discussions from Brother E. L. Middleton and Brother W. J. Jones.

On motion, following resolution is adopted: To use our influence as much as possible with our local school committees to employ as many Christian teachers as possible for our schools. It is moved and seconded that we close this session of the association this evening.

At this point Brother J. O. Honeycutt makes appeal for help for Mallie Strickland, a crippled girl, to get an education. Brethren J. O. Honeycutt and J. Abner Barker and T. J. Hood and C. L. Turner becomes responsible for the girls education. The delegates are requested to take the matter back to their home churches and solicit aid in this matter to relieve these Brethren of some of the expense.

It is moved and seconded that we have two days session and not three at our next association. Also that we give the committee on Place and Programs further time that they may change program to two days instead of three, and send to clerk later.

Report on obituary was left to Brother M. W. Naylor, Autry Baggett to furnish clerk with report for his minutes later.

Report as follows:

(OBITUARIES)

During the past year some of our best and most useful have been called to their reward which means a loss to the Kingdom on earth but we trust a gain to the Kingdom on the other shores.

Among those who were called we mention the names of O. D. Strickland, of Spring Branch, a deacon and superintendent for a long time and once a member of the executive board. He was greatly esteemed and honored for his faithful service and good deeds, also Frank Tew another member of

Spring Branch. He loved his church and gave much of his time and means to its support. Others were called whose names were not given. We feel sure they are waiting on the other shores for the true and faithful. May their going be a voice calling us to greater usefulness and better service for the King.

AUTRY BAGGETT,
M. W. NAYLOR,
Committee.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

(By Mrs. C. S. Royal.)

Mrs. Royal to furnish a written report later for associational minutes.

Committee to nominate delegates to State and Southern Baptist Conventions make following nominations: For State Convention, Brother W. J. Jones; for Southern Baptist Convention, Brother J. Abner Barker.

Report from following committees:

FINANCE REPORT

(By F. C. Howard.)

The Finance Committee makes the following report: We, your finance committee, beg lief to report that we have received from the different churches represented at this association for the different objects of the convention, the sum of two hundred and sixty-four and five one hundredths dollars, as follows:

State and Association Missions	$ 33.08
Home Missions	19.87
Foreign Missions	8.50
Sunday School Missions	11.25
Undesignated Missions	107.43
Christian Education Missions	1.00
Ministerial Relief	2.00
Hospitals	1.00
Woman's Work	8.00
Orphanage	36.04
Minute Fund	35.88
Total	$264.05

Received later from Center church

State Missions	2.00

Association Missions	6.00
Minute Fund	1.00
	$273.05

Respectfully submitted,
F. C. HOWARD,
S. B. STEVENS,
Committee.

TREASURERS REPORT

November 1919, to October 21st, 1920.

To balance in treasury from 1919	$ 5.53
To amount received at last association	356.13
To amount received at Union White Oak	50.91
Total from all sources	$412.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Walters Durham	$230.63	
To F. B. Hamrick	75.91	
To J. O. Tew	15.00	
To W. M. Page	15.00	
To Printing Minutes and Clerk and Postage, etc.	75.10	
	$411.64	
To balance in treasury now	.93	
	$412.57	$412.57

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. WILLIFORD, Treasurer, S. R. A.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your auditing committee, beg lief to report that we have examined the Finance Committees's Report, also the Treasurer's report, for last year and we find the reports and accounts correct.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. HOLLAND, For Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Board of the South River Association, beg lief to submit the following report for the year from November 1919 to October 1920.

We have recommended that the State board pay to Brother M. W. Naylor for services at Beulah $5.00 per month and to Brother J. W. Bell $5.00 per month at Browns and $6.00 per month at Royals Chapel.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. WILLIFORD, Chairman,
H. G. SESSOMS, Clerk.

It is moved and seconded that the different committees on all reports on the program be requested to furnish the clerk with a written report on all reports on the different objects that they might be incorporated in the minutes.

On motion a vote of thanks is extended by a rising vote to the good people of Elizabeth church and the community as well, for their very kind hospitality shown to us while attending this association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. PAGE, Moderator.
D. M. WILLIFORD, Clerk.

PLACE—ANTIOCH

Preacher—Rev. W. J. Jones.
Order of Business October 1920, 1921.

MORNING SESSION

10:00 a. m.—Devotional by Charles Howard.
10:15 a. m.—Organization and Miscellaneous Business.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. J. Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 p. m.—Devotional by Arthur Porter.
1:15 p. m.—Biblical Recorder by Mrs. W. J. Butler.
1:45 p. m.—Laymans Duties in Absence of Pastor by A. P. Howard.
2:15 p. m.—Christian Education by J. Abner Barker.
2:45 p. m.—Sabbath Observance by Mrs. Jesse E. Wilson.
3:15 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 a. m.—Devotional by A. E. Alderman.
9:45 a. m.—Orphanage by D. W. Tart.
10:30 a. m.—State Missions by G. A. Bain.
11:00 a. m.—Home Missions by T. J. Hood.
11:30 a. m.—Missionary Sermon (Foreign) by W. M. Kelley.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 p. m.—Devotional by Everette Cannady.
1:15 p. m.—Sunday Schools by J. H. Warren.

2:00 p. m.—Temperance by Mrs. W. J. Jones.
2:15 p. m.—Obituaries by S. A. Howard.
2:30 p. m.—Report of Executive Board.
3:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous.

MRS. W. J. BUTLER,
MRS. J. ABNER BARKER,
MR. M. W. NAYLOR,
Committee.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meeting of this body and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present her petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through a church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

DELEGATES

Antioch—J. H. Matthews, I. V. Lee, J. F. McCorquodale, W. C. Pope.

Autryville—G. W. Haire, Z. V. Spell.

Baptist Chapel—C. B. Honeycutt, N. T. Williams, A. B. Royal, A. K. Page.

Beulah—L. H. Moore, G. G. Barefoot, Lessie Thornton.

Browns—J. E. Bass, Charley Hugh, S. H. Jordan.

Center—J. T. Williams, Walton Royal, M. F. House.

Clement—A. T. Matthews, O. D. Matthews, Blackmon Williams, J. R. Page.

Corinth—N. C. Warren, J. O. Honeycutt, H. G. Holland, Leola Butler, Pearl Crumpler.

Concord—J. B. Bedsale, J. B. Jackson, E. W. Jackson.

Elizabeth—T. D. Murray, Lila Canady, Wm. Honeycutt.

Godwin—J. M. Starling, T. L. Starling, J. H. Pope.

Hickory Grove—J. H. Warren, I. T. McLamb, D. W. Tew.

Long Branch—J. F. Naylor, A. S. Hall, F. J. Sessoms.

Marys Chapel.—

Mill Creek—J. O. Haire, Mack Sessoms, W. D. Lamar.

Mintz—Chas. Butler, H. C. Johnson, Dennis Jones.

Mingo—Autry Baggett, E. A. Jackson, S. M. Jackson.

Mt. Elam—D. M. Warren, H. M. McLamb, Gerald Autry.

Piney Green—Jaica Hudson, J. R. McLamb, M. A. Butler.

Pleasant Union—W. A. Seawell, A. L. Lucas, J. E. Horne.

Parkersburg.—

Royals Chapel—Almon Long, Berta Honeycutt, Mallie Royal.

Roseboro—W. J. Butler, J. A. Barker, S. B. Stevens, Rev. J. O. Tew.

Salemburg--Charlie Williams, F. C. Howard, Mollie Jones, Anna Williams, Ira Parker.

Spring Branch—D. M. Williford, M. W. Naylor, T. C. Gilbert, T. H. Hinson, S. D. Hawley.

Union Grove—R. C. Canady, E. H. Hair, R. C. Howard, Randal Williams.

White Oak—O. R. Boone, R. M. Crumpler, T. J. Wilson.

TABLE 1—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	H. R. Starling, Godwin	3rd Sun	$2,500	6	3	---	---	---	1	35	62	97
Autryville	W. C. Bowden, Rex	R. L. Hall, Autryville	3rd Sun	3,000	10	2	2	2	1	2	50	80	130
Baptist Chapel	C. H. Cashwell, Wake Forest	N. T. Williams, Cooper	2nd Sun	2,300	29	8	---	3	2	---	148	155	303
Beulah	M. W. Naylor, Dunn	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn, R 5.	4th Sun	600	2	1	---	---	5	1	14	47	61
Browns	J. W. Bell, Faison	W. C. Howard, Clinton	2nd Sun	800	---	4	---	2	---	---	15	25	40
Center	E. I. Olive, Dunn	J. T. Williams, Wade	1st Sun	1,200	5	2	---	4	---	1	48	64	112
Clement	Chas. B. Howard, Salemburg	J. R. Page, Cooper, R. 1.	1 - 3rd Sun	2,500	13	1	---	4	1	3	72	98	170
Corinth	W. H. Barnes, Clinton	M. T. Crumpler, Clinton	1st Sun	2,000	3	2	---	3	---	2	44	42	86
Concord	John Prevatt, Buie	L. V. Haire, Autryville	1st Sun	1,800	---	1	1	3	3	---	49	116	165
Elizabeth	Chas. Howard, Wake Forest	A. H. McLemore, Roseboro	2nd Sun	3,000	29	14	2	4	---	---	56	68	124
Godwin		J. H. Pope, Godwin	1st Sun	3,500	2	2	---	2	---	---	30	32	62
Hickory Grove	G. A. Bain, Dunn, R 1.	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	2nd Sun	1,000	8	---	1	---	---	1	40	52	92
Long Branch	G. A. Bain, Dunn, R. 1.	A. S. Hall, Autryville	4th Sun	350	4	---	---	2	---	4	47	63	110
Mill Creek	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. A. Horne, Roseboro	2nd Sun	1,000	1	---	---	---	14	2	18	36	54
Mints	W. M. Kelley, Wilmington	Evander Simpson, Roseboro	3rd Sun	1,000	10	---	---	1	---	---	20	37	57
Mingo	Eugene Olive, Dunn	J. A. Baggett, Cooper, R1.	2nd Sun	2,000	4	8	---	3	1	---	41	52	93
Mt. Elam	W. H. Barnes, Clinton	W. R. Warren, Huntley	3rd Sun	4,000	15	2	---	4	5	2	79	112	191
Mt. Vernon	G. A. Bain, Dunn		3rd Sun		6	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	63
Piney Green	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	Braxton Fann, Huntley	4th Sun	2,000	48	7	4	---	---	5	130	160	290
Pleasant Union	W. M. Kelley, Wilmington	J. E. Horne, Autryville	1st Sun	600	---	1	1	2	1	5	26	56	82
Royals Chapel	J. W. Bell, Faison			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	1st-3rd Sun	15,000	7	5	1	1	---	1	68	90	158
Salemburg	W. J. Jones	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	2nd-4th Sun	5,000	36	4	---	5	---	---	112	156	268
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buies Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn, R 1.	1st-3rd Sun	7,500	9	1	---	14	---	7	188	198	386
Union Grove	John Prevatte, Lumberton	R. C. Howard, Autryville	4th Sun	1,000	4	2	---	---	1	1	51	59	110
White Oak		R. M. Crumpler, Clinton		1,200	---	---	---	4	---	3	28	45	73

TABLE 2—FINANCIAL

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesig'ted)	State and Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Hospitals	Total
Antioch	$200.00	$	$10.00	$29.00	$	$	$29.61	$	$17.61	$10.10	$	$	$44.48	$	$ 4.73	$	$345.53
Autryville	300.00	90.00	162.25	3.45		2.00		97.25									644.94
Baptist Chapel	337.00		37.60		13.68	3.93	126.27		70.00	58.00	60.00		60.00	60.00	40.00	35.00	921.76
Beulah	50.00			10.00		2.00		3.27	5.00	2.50	2.50		6.00		2.00		83.27
Browns	75.00			5.00		.75			5.00	2.00	1.00		2.00		1.00		91.75
Center	130.00			10.70		1.00	70.70		8.00	5.50	5.50		51.00				282.40
Clement	226.00	200.00		8.21	78.00		15.33	174.25				7.05	7.01				716.40
Corinth	200.00					1.00				2.55	2.50						206.05
Concord	150.00		76.50					55.34		4.79	3.51		4.49				294.63
Elizabeth	180.00			20.15				149.23					12.07				361.45
Godwin	150.00		45.00	16.38			6.50	73.00					12.00				302.88
Hickory Grove	158.95			20.00		1.65	130.34	182.20									419.14
Long Branch	150.00	3.00		14.00		2.00	99.00		12.00				9.00				289.00
Mary's Chapel																	
Mill Creek	101.35		25.00	10.00		1.00		51.08					8.00				196.43
Mints	125.00	300.00	75.00	21.75		.80		50.00									572.55
Mingo	300.00	43.75		28.65		2.00	188.50	270.69									833.59
Mt. Elam	301.00							34.27					13.34				350.61
Mt. Vernon	150.00				13.00		58.00	10.00	3.00								234.00
Piney Green	200.00	16.25	123.90	23.33		1.00	40.28	52.45		25.00	40.00	7.02	26.00				555.23
Pleasant Union	125.00		12.00	10.00		1.25			5.00	1.00	5.00	4.23	10.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	176.48
Parkersburg	225.00		10.00		15.00	1.00	76.00	20.00					8.00				355.00
Roseboro	1,200	275.00	75.00	70.00	125.00	5.00	486.07	731.03					170.86				3,137.96
Royals Chapel	60.00					.50											60.50
Salemburg	1,250	600.00	138.59	106.38	135.00	5.00	364.71	874.84	4.00	25.50	25.50		175.66	400.00			3994.65
Spring Branch	750.00		170.00	69.32		5.00	440.65	1254.36					364.68	718.45			3768.96
Union Grove	150.00			19.60		1.50		52.60					25.00				248.70
White Oak	400.00		4.50	14.70			26.00	73.28				5.00	32.71				556.19

TABLE 3—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY AND POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enroll.	Church Membership in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	L. W. Starling, Godwin	Anna Lee, Dunn	1	9	50	59	30	12	4	$29.00	$	$ 2.80	$25.86	$57.66
Autryville	L. M. Cooper, Autryville	Mrs. D. H. Cooper, Autryville	1	7	110	117	---	12	8	3.45	---	---	---	3.45
Baptist Chapel	Cornelius Daniels, Cooper	---	1	6	125	131	50	12	15	25.00	---	10.00	---	35.00
Browns	J. E. Bass, Clinton	Sallie Carr, Clinton	1	5	35	40	15	---	---	5.00	---	---	---	5.00
Clement	A. D. Matthews, Autryville	Irma Matthews, Autryville	1	9	146	155	124	12	12	7.12	7.05	7.01	8.21	29.39
Corinth	M. S. Lewis, Clinton	Eva Warren, Clinton	1	6	120	126	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Center	M. F. House, Wade	Vila Mae McMillian, Wade	1	13	47	60	40	12	4	10.70	---	---	---	10.70
Concord	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Elizabeth	Arthur Porter, Roseboro	Ada Faircloth, Roseboro	1	8	130	138	75	12	15	20.15	---	12.07	---	32.22
Godwin	J. H. Pope, Godwin	L. F. Pope, Godwin	1	8	30	38	30	12	2	16.38	---	12.00	6.50	34.88
Hickory Grove	I. T. McLamb, Clinton	Daisy Strickland, Clinton	1	8	60	68	40	8	8	20.00	---	---	18.34	38.34
Long Branch	J. F. Naylor, Autryville	Polly Sessoms, Autryville	1	4	60	64	25	8	4	14.00	8.00	9.05	99.00	13.05
Mill Creek	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro	George Haire, Roseboro	1	3	40	43	---	12	1	10.00	---	---	---	10.00
Mints	Evander Simpson, Roseboro	H. C. Johnson, Roseboro	1	7	76	83	30	12	8	---	---	---	---	---
Mingo	E. A. Jackson, Dunn, R1	Vada Jackson, Dunn, R 1.	1	7	118	125	45	12	1	28.65	---	---	---	28.65
Mt. Elam	H. H. Warren, Huntley	W. R. Warren, Huntley	1	4	119	123	---	---	---	19.19	---	13.34	---	32.53
Mt. Vernon	Jas. E. Britt, Clinton	---	1	7	30	37	---	12	---	---	---	5.00	---	5.00
Piney Green	Harvey Simpson, Huntley	Rosa Royal, Huntley	2	8	200	208	100	12	30	23.33	7.02	---	---	30.35
Pleasant Union	W. A. Seawell, Roseboro	Nannie Goodrich, Roseboro	1	6	80	86	25	12	---	10.00	---	5.00	---	15.00
Parkersburg	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Roseboro	J. A. Barker Roseboro	Latham West, Roseboro	1	11	135	146	89	12	6	.70	---	120.00	17.00	7,360
Salemburg	J. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	1	12	335	347	218	12	36	106.38	60.25	72.64	---	239.27
Spring Branch	M. W. Naylor, Dunn, R 1.	Fred Williford, Dunn, R 1.	1	14	250	264	---	12	7	69.32	---	85.00	30.00	184.32
Union Grove	R. C. Howard, Autryville	Hosie Williams, Autryville	1	6	161	167	76	9	4	19.60	---	---	---	---
White Oak	T. J. Wilson, Clinton	Percy Owens, Clinton	1	8	87	95	---	12	---	14.70	5.00	32.71	---	52.41

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Rev. D. W. Tew	Clinton, N. C.
Rev. J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
Rev. H. J. Duncan	Roseboro, N. C.
Rev. C. B. Horne	Roseboro, N. C.
Rev. M. W. Naylor	Dunn, N. C.
Rev. G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C.
Rev. C. B. Howard	Wake Forest, N. C.
Rev. S. F. Hudson	Louisville, Ky.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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W. R. Warren	Huntley, N. C.
J. H. Warren	Huntley, N. C.
R. A. Butler	Clinton, N. C.
S. A. Howard	Salemburg, N. C.
Jno. L. Williams	Godwin, N. C.

Program for next session of the South River Association to be held with the Church at Autryville, October 18, 19, and 20, 1922.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory sermon by Rev. G. A. Bain.
12:00 m.—Organization.
12:30 p. m.—Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises by Jno. L. Williams.
1:45 p. m.—Biblical Recorder by D. M. Williford.
2:15 p. m.—Ministerial Relief by Rev. J. W. Bell.
2:45 p. m.—Christian Education by Rev. H. Pipkin.
3:15 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises by Jesse E. Wilson.
9:45 a. m.—Home Mission by A. L. Turner.
10:15 a. m.—State Missions by Chas. Howard.
10:45 a. m.—Foreign Missions by S. A. Howard.
11:15 a. m.—Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. J. Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises by J. A. Baggett.
1:45 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.
2:15 p. m.—Orphanage by Mrs. Ivey Royal.
3:00 p. m.—Sunday school by Mrs. J Abner Barker.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 a. m —Devotional exercises by A. P. Howard.
9:45 a. m —Temperance by A. K. Hall.
10:30 a. m.—Obituaries by M. W. Naylor.
11:00 a. m.—Report of executive board.
11:30 a. m.—Miscellaneous business.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. NAYLOR,
H. PIPKIN,
S. L. JACKSON, Committee.

TO THE CLERKS AND TREASURERS

Moneys collected during the year for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, with all objects of the convention may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with associational mission money to the union or to the association. Stating in each case the amount, the object and the church, keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the association.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH—WEDNESDAY MORNING

The South River Association met in its Forty-fifth Annual Session with Antioch Baptist church, according to invitation and appointment.

10:00 o'clock a. m. Devotional exercises by Rev. J. S. Farmer, by reading 34th Division of the Psalm. Song and prayer.

10:15 a. m. Organization. On motion Bro. J. M. Page is re-elected moderator for ensuing year. Next in order is election of clerk and treasurer, whereupon Bro. D. M. Williford is by motion elected to succeed himself as clerk and treasurer.

Moderator makes the following appointments: As reading clerks Brethren J. A. Baggett and Luther Starling. Finance Committee, A. E. Alderman and G. D. Godwin. Committee to nominate executive board, Brethren G. A. Bain, Alex Bullock and Autry Baggett. Committee on place and program: Brethren M. W. Naylor, H. Pipkin and S. L. Jackson. Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention, Brethren W. J. Jones, G. A. Bain and S. T. Starling. Auditing committee, Brethren Jesse M. Jones and W. R. Warren.

This completing the organization, the following visitors were recognized: Bro. J. S. Farmer from Raleigh association, representing Biblical Recorder. Bro. S. A. Edgerton, from Little River Associatoin and Bro. H. Pipkin from Eastern Association.

The following deacons were present: Autry Baggett, L. W. Starling, J. L. Williams, D. M. Williford. Sunday school superintendents: Bro. M. W. Naylor and Bro. J. Abner Barker.

At this point it is moved and seconded that Bro. J S. Farmer present report on Biblical Recorder, as Sister Butler is not present, which subject Bro. Farmer presented very ably and acceptably. On motion report is adopted with request that Sister Butler or Bro. Farmer furnish the clerk a written report for his Minutes.

THE DENOMINATIONAL PRESS FOR BIBLICAL RECORDER

Mr. J. W. Bailey wrote an article for the Biblical Recorder some time ago in which he stated that the next forward movement for Southern Baptists is to strengthen and make more efficient the Baptist papers of the South. He showed that the Baptist press is behind every great denominational movement which we undertake. The success of the 75 Million Campaign was due more largely, perhaps, to the Baptist papers of the South than to any other single agency. All of our boards and institutions have had a worthy uplift and have been put forward beyond the expectations of any of us, and yet the agency which had more to do with the success of all these departments has received practically no benefit from the campaign. If the Baptist papers were such efficient agencies in this special movement, they certainly are necessary to the progress of our denomination under all conditions.

In a review of the Southern Baptist Convention which was written by Dr. Mullins for Home and Foreign Fields he says in the discussion on the denominational press "The occasion was one when the attendance was by no means at high-water mark. There was about a half-filled auditorium. It was large enough for the interests to become contagious, but not too large for the speakers to be heard. The opportunity afforded brought forth a great many valuable suggestions. This meeting was also an interesting instance of how brethren can think themselves together . . . I look back upon that meeting on the last day of the Convention as one of the best of the entire session, because it dealt with one of the most vital and far-reaching of all matters which could come before the Convention. Some day our brethren are going to take our denominational papers as seriously as they deserve. Every time we can impress upon the consciousness of our Convention the vital relation of the denominational papers to all our work, the speedier will be the coming of that day."

The Biblical Recorder has for eighty-seven years been the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. It has been loyal to all our denominational interests, and has used its influence to the utmost for the promotion of our work all along the line. No one can be an intelligent Baptist who does not read the Biblical Recorder. He may be an intelligent man but the

Recorder is the only source of information in regard to the great work of our denomination in this State.

The paper, however, is more than a denominational organ. Its pages contain a variety of valuable matter which is intended to uplift and bless the home. Contributions have been secured through the year from some of our strongest men, and the editor has the promise of articles on vital subjects from some of the leading men of the South. We are glad to know the paper is through its printing troubles and will now come regularly week by week to its subscribers. The material on which it is printed is superior to that of most of the Southern Baptist papers, and the mechanical work is unsurpassed. Most of the other Baptist papers charge $2.50 a year, while the Recorder is sent to its subscribers at the old price of $2 a year.

We earnestly urge that all our pastors press the claims of the Recorder upon their people. We would suggest that an active committee be appointed in each church to secure new subscribers and renewals. The B. Y. P. U., has for its object, training for service. If the B. Y. P. U., where one exists, would make an active canvass for the Recorder, it would give fine training to the young people while rendering an important service to the Kingdom.

Report adopted.

MRS. J. W. BUTLER, Committee

11:00 o'clock a. m. Sermon by Rev. W. J. Jones. Text John 3-14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be Lifted Up". Adjourn for dinner. Dismissed by Rev. H. Pipkin.

1:30 p. m. Association is called to meet back in the house. Devotional service by Bro. A. E. Alderman, after which the general order of business is taken up. First on program after dinner is Biblical Recorder, which was disposed of before dinner by Bro. J. S. Farmer in a very able and impressive manner.

Next on the program is Laymens duties in absence of the pastor. Brother A. P. Howard the committee on this report is not present. Bro. S. A. Edgerton is asked to discuss this great subject. He was followed by Brethren A. E. Alderman, W. J. Jones, and H. Pipkin, all of which were instructive and soul-stirring. On motion report adopted on its being sent to clerk for publication.

Next on program is Christian Education by Bro. J. Aber Barker, followed by Brethren G. Scott Turner and W. J. Jones.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Never has there been a time in the history of our denominational life when the necessity of Christian Education has impressed our people with such impelling force at the present. The importance of indelibly stamping the Christian impress upon the mind and heart of those who attend our Christian Schools and colleges at the particular time when the mind and heart of the attendant is in that crucial state of decision should be considered most seriously by those having the general welfare supervision, interest and control of our different Christian Educational institutions in charge. The different educational institutions which are fostered and financed by our denominational Christian Educational fund are earnestly requested to keep these principles and ideas constantly before their respective student bodies to the end that none may leave any of these institutions without being thoroughly Christian. Thereby raising the standard of morality and christianity in the respective localities to which they shall go.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ABNER BARKER Committee.

On motion report is adopted.

Next on program is Sabbath observance. Report was submitted by Bro. G. Scott Turner as Mrs. Wilson the regular committee is not present. Bro. Turner gave us a very interesting talk on this subject. He was followed by Brethren M. W. Naylor, H. Pipkin and W. J. Jones. Bro. Turner is asked to furnish the clerk with a written report for his minutes.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Your committee on Sabbath Observance recognizes two views of this subject. First, Sabbath Observance is an act of obedience to and worship of God. Second it is a means of spiritual blessing to man.

Under the first view we feel that the modern tendency is to gradually drift away from the close observance of the Sabbath practised by our fathers. Sunday pleasure trips, Sunday work, Sunday business, are the order of the day. We feel sure God will not bless a nation that embraces this state of affairs, and we feel still more surely that the church which tolerates these things amongst its members is doomed to decay.

Under the second view we believe that in allowing the things of this world to creep into our lives on Sundays and to keep us away from a calm and uninterrupted meditation of heavenly things we are robbing ourselves of spiritual riches with which the small worldly pleasures are not worthy to be compared.

Your committee feels that the White Lake Sunday trips are a special menace to Sabbath Observance and keep many of our people away from our churches. We urge the leaders of the

churches and the parents of our young people to strive to combat this evil.

G. SCOTT TURNER, Committee.

On motion report is adopted.

Miscellaneous business is taken up. List of churches was called and the following churches responded:

Autryville, Clement, Godwin, Hickory, Grove, Mill Creek, Mintz, Mingo, Marys Chapel, Mt. Elam, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Union, Roseboro, Spring Branch.

At this time other ordained deacons were recognized in the audience as follows: E. A. Jackson, W. S. Strickland, T. C. Gilbert, Randall Williams, D. W. Tart, M. M. Sessoms, M. Butler, J. H. Warren, J. C. McLamb, J. E. Horne, J. S. Coley, L. J. Tew, T. M. Pope, J. T. Starling.

Sunday school superintendents are: M. M. Sessoms, J. L. Starling.

Ordained ministers present: W. J. Jones, M. W. Naylor, G. A. Bain, of South River Association, H. Pipkin, T. J. Hood, J. W. Bell, of Eastern Association, Bro. J. S. Farmer, of Raleigh Association.

The church at Autryville extends invitation for next session of this association and motion is tabled until tomorrow, when it will be considered with any others that may come in tomorrow morning.

Moved to adjourn until Thursday morning (tomorrow) at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises by Bro. A. E. Alderman by reading a part of the 16th Chapter of Acts. Song service and prayer after which association was called to order.

The following visiting Brethren were recognized: F. B. Hamrick from Thomasville Orphanage and Dr. P. W. Olive from Cumberland Association..

First subject for discussion is orphanage report which was presented by Bro. F. B. Hamrick and discussed by Bro. Hamrick, which was interesting to all present.

By motion report is adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The per capita cost maintaining a child at the Orphanage is $17.85 the month. This includes salaries and the running expenses of the institution.

There are 446 children at Thomasville and 85 at the Kennedy Home, making 531 in all. In addition to these over fifty children are being aided in their homes with their mothers, the cost being half the amount necessary to care for those in the orphanage.

For the first time in the history of the Orphanage we had the misfortune to lose one of our cottages by fire this summer. This was the Simmons Nursery built 1889 and providing a home for from thirty to forty little boys. These children have been scattered among the various cottages for the present but this home is already being rebuilt and will lay a tax of at least $10,000 or $12,000 on the treasury.

The general depression of business is felt at the Orphanage as it is everywhere else. Many churches and Sunday Schools heretofore generous supporters of the Orphanage, are compelled to curtail their contributions on account of the financial stringency. They are holding up nobly so far, but it is simply a matter of impossibility for them to come up to the high standard of two or three years ago.

Those whom the Lord has blessed with good seasons and crops, are under an obligation to help supply the deficiency of those who lack. That our churches of this association will do their best, we earnestly hope.

On or near Thanksgiving, the Orphanage has learned to depend on our churchse for a great offering. We would urge upon our people, especially our pastors, the vital importance of holding a service at every church in the state on that day, or on a Sunday near it. Such an outpouring as our churches made last year would set the Orphanage on solid ground.

Our organized classes are doing a fine service in their monthly collections. Let these be continued and increased.

Charity and Children stands ready to serve. Let us see that the voice of the Orphanage is heard in all our homes.

Moved report be adopted.

D. W. TART Committee.

Next on program is State Missions. Moved and seconded that State Missions and Home Missions be consolidated, and Bro. G. A. Bain submits report on State Missions and discussed report in a very impresive manner and Bro. T. J. Hood presents report on Home Missions. After discussions the reports are on motion adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

It is with gratitude to God for His wonderful blessings on the work of State Missions and with a prayer to Him for continued and greater blessings that we hand you herewith this annual report.

From the urgent and frequent appeals which it seems necessary to make in behalf of State Missions there is the danger that some will get the mistaken idea that the end to be reached is to secure a certain amount of money, and come to our State Convention without debt.

Let us look at some of the results. During the past year there were on the field 178 missionaries supplying 279 churches. There were 15,114 baptisms reported and 1,176 were received by letter. Restored 155. There were 20 churches organized, 19 churches built.

We spent five years ago $55,524. This year we have spent $83,872.61.

But let us not measure the results above by the writing down of mere figures. If we may judge the future by the past we may expect that there are some among those brought to Christ who will be a blessing to our denomination and to the cause of Christ. The blessings which have come to individual lives and waves of influence which have been set in the motion in some communities, which have been felt from the river to ends of the earth, cannot be expressed with tongue or pen.

The Annual of the Convention gives 178 missionaries. They are preaching, teaching and working in the different parts of our State under the direction of our Board and are establishing the Lord's kingdom where it pleases God to bless the labors with an abundance of success. And we must earnestly recommend that the churches of our association stand by this department of our work and give it a hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. BAIN, Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is the only great inter-State missionary organization of Southern Baptists. Its work is largely co-operative in connection with various State Mission agencies. It thus forms a bond of union and has probably been the greatest force among Southern Baptists for the unification of our denomination.

Through this agency Southern Baptists in the largest way make it possible for the strong to help the weak. The principle work of the Board is, therefore, in the weaker States of the Mississippi Valley and the Western States of our territory. Yet the changes in our industrial and business life, and in the cities and countryside of the older States are so great that increasing attention must be given to the needs in the older sections.

The problem in the cities of the South is growing acute in many places like Birmingham, St. Louis, New Orleans and Memphis. The Home Mission Board is helping to solve this problem and to meet the demands as rapidly as funds will justify.

Evangelistic campaign by the Evangelistic Department of the

Home Mission Board are proving to be a mighty factor in the evangelization of the cities.

An opposite problem is presented in the changing conditions of country life, where we must go with greater forces of men and money. In the country lies the greatest numerical strength of Baptists and yet there is found our greatest weakness in point of efficiency.

Through the missionary and enlistment forces of the Home Mission Board much is being done to conserve our vast host of country Baptists and to enlist them in our denominational work.

The Board has just closed the most remarkable year of its history, both in the amount of funds received and in the results accomplished, as was shown in the Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Chattanooga in May.

At an annual meeting of the Board in June 1920, the work was laid out on a basis of 100 per cent greater than that of any previous year. The calls were so numerous and compelling, fields so white unto harvest, and the spirit of the brotherhood so optimistic in view of our great success in the 75 Million Campaign, that the Board, by the urgent advice of the various State Mission Secretaries, was emboldened to project its work on a new and vastly enlarged scale.

At that time cotton was forty cents a pound. The prices dropped so suddenly and drastically that during half the year cotton was only about ten cents. This brought a serious financial situation with the Board. Heavy obligations had been assumed which could not be cast off. The Board retrenched where it was possible, but in spite of this had to report a debt of $727,622. Consequently for the new year they have had to retrench very materially in order to take care of the indebtedness as well as the current expense.

The Board needs immediate help in order to maintain its credit at the banks, to meet the current expense, and lessen the burdensome debt.

Let us conclude this report with a brief statement of results of the year's work which are truly inspiring:

In the Evangelistic Department there were 15,567 baptisms, 22,689 additions to the churches. Since the Department of Evangelism was organized in 1907 there have been baptized 124,103 converts, with a total of additions to the churches of 169,102 members; and 17,611 volunteers for the ministry and mission work. A great record, indeed.

Among the Foreigners, Indians and Negroes there were 2,157 baptisms and 3,208 additions to the churches; in Cuba and Panama 178 additions to the churches, the contributions of the native churches $11,849.

In Co-Operative Missions there were 25,532 baptisms, additions, 50,307. We had eighty enlistment workers who rendered 5,336 weeks of service; in our Sanitarium for the sufferers of the great White Plague there were 298 patients treated and we have a property worth $400,000; in the work among the Soldiers and Seamen there were 3,331 professions of faith and at our Seamen's Institute Jacksonville, Florida, the boys from the seas wrote home 6,049 letters, in thirty-seven mountain schools 6,183 conversions and we have property valued at $1,688,000; in church extension the Board aided 824 churches with loans or gifts and there were 1,084 others asking aid which could not be helped; in the publicity department the Board distributed 5,641,000 tracts and sent forth thousands of copies of various books.

The above sets forth briefly some of the inspiring accomplishments of our Home Mission Board and attests the efficiency of this great agency in helping to make the South Christian and Baptistic and through it to bring the same blessing to the whole world.

We recommend that earnest prayer be offered constantly for our great Home Mission work and that the churches immediately come to the help of the Board with contributions in order that the glorious work may be carried forward and the Board may soon be relieved from its burdensome debt.

T. J. HOOD, Committee.

11 o'clock a. m. Missionary sermon by Rev. J. S. Farmer, after which was dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2 o'clock p. m., Devotional exercises by Rev. A. L. Turner, by reading 9 verses of the 2nd chapter of Genesis. After song service and prayer miscellaneous business was taken up. List of churches called and following churches responded: Antioch, Baptist Chapel, Center, Corinth, Concord, Elizabeth, Long Branch, Piney Green, Salemburg, Union Grove and White Oak. At this point Rev. J. A. Campbell from Little River is recognized and invited to a seat with us. Also Sister Bertha Raynor from Beulah was recognized. Next on program is Temperance by Mrs. Mallie Jones. Discussed by Mrs. Jones and Rev. A. L. Turner. On motion report is adopted.

TEMPERANCE

Temperance is a virtue universal in its purpose and eternal in its results. An individual life is effected more by it than by any other influence save that of the Holy Spirit. Ones mental, moral and physical development depends upon its use or abuse. The rest of the body, the energy of the man, the peace of old age depend upon temperance. Even beasts of burden, machinery and all methods of transportation must practice or have practiced upon them temperance or they fail to perform service. If so much depends on temperance for material progress, how much more important it is that temperance be observed in moral affairs. Some one has defined temperance as thus: A moderate use of all things that are good and total abstinence of all things that are bad. As Christians we are willing to accept this definition. It would be difficult to mention all things that are bad, or all things good, but we can call attention to some of the things that are generally conceded to be detrimental to society. It is the consensus of opinion among Christian folks that all forms of intoxicants, dopes, narcotics and other nerve exciting habits are bad and should be totally abstained from. No matter how little we indulge in any of these we are on the itemperate side and our lives and testimony are shut out from the right kind of influencing. It is a fact that admits of no discussion that even a moderate use of intoxicants will degrade children to the third and fourth generation, that the use of narcotics give a desire for strong drink, induces indolency, and makes the mind stupid. We could go on at length, citing cases of undeveloped childhood, wasted manhood and tragical endings of human life by those who have indulged in narcotics and intoxicants, but such stories have been told and retold. Warnings have been sounded from every pulpit and nearly every platform.

There is another form of intemperance which has not been so widely discussed and which has been secretly doing its deadly work. Until recently it was considered immodest for the minister or the reformer to sound a warning against this form of intemperance. It was considered bad ethics for the doctor to tell what he knew, hence the poor victim was encouraged to continue his way of living. No definite steps were taken to find out the health conditions in this respect until the facts of the examining boards of the World War were made public. The per cent of the diseased was so great, that our health doctors and scientists went to work to find the cause and the cure. It has been found out that nearly all chronic ills are directly or indirectly caused from social intemperance. The blinded eye, the rheumatic limbs, the paralyzed muscle, defective hearing, bad teeth, criminal minds, undeveloped childhood are all largely attributed to this evil. If there are any in my hearing who have been intemperate in any way suggested by this article, determine to stop it now. No matter how shyly or secretly a deed is done it will meet you again, and maybe and more likely in your own child.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that he shall also reap."

MRS. W. J. JONES.

Salemburg, N. C., Oct. 20, 1921.

Report on Sunday schools by Bro. J. H. Warren. Bro. Warren is not present and Bro. J. A. Campbell is asked to talk on this report which he did very acceptably. It is moved and seconded that moderator prepare a written report for the minutes.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday school is not on probation, but a big business today of Educational and Spiritual opportunity and efficiency, a work on which the sun never sets. The Sunday School organization with its millions stands out as the largest and most far-reaching Educational and spiritual force in the world. For while the pulpit represents the ideas and meditations of one man, the Sunday school stands for free expression from every man, woman and child. Furthermore, no man's approval is needed to dignify the Sunday School of today, for it is significant that because of the indispensable it has in spreading the Gospel, men and women who know what that means in shaping of life are willing to put life into that work as never before.

About 6 years ago the South River Association adopted a resolution favoring better equipment for our Sunday School work and asked that each church make ready for the best Sunday school teaching by preparing rooms for class work to the extent of their means, also to supply our schools with the necessary equipment, such as blackboards, charts, banners, cradle rolls, song books, and Bibles in place of quarterlies on class. Now as we look over the Sunday school equipments of our association we find only a very few churches that have made but little effort to carry out the resolution. Our churches should resolve to provide at once at least as good an equipment for its school work as the day schools have.

Now we recommend that our people push this great work on to still greater success for the sake of the world and for the Glory of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PAGE.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Bro. S. A. Howard is the committee on this report, and he is not present. Request that Bro. Howard furnish report later. This subject is laid over.

Report of executive board is called for and there being only two of the board present and the board doing nothing for the year, there was nothing to report.

Bro. J. W. Bell, missionary in this association is present and gave a very encouraging report from his field.

Matter of title of the grounds for Royals Chapel church is taken up and on motion the executive board is appointed a committee to investigate and look into this matter.

Committee on place and program hand in their report by Rev. M. W. Naylor. They recommend that next session of association go to Autryville. On motion report is adopted. For reference see program on first page. At this point there was a motion and second to change our time or length of session of our association back to three days and after some discussion it was unanimously carried and our next session will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the 3rd Sunday in October. Also a motion was seconded and carried to go back to our giving for associational missions and thereby cooperate with executive board in helping work up the destitute section in our own association with no intention whatever, of withdrawing aid from state board, but contribute to both objects as liberally as we can.

Rev. G. A. Bain committee to nominate executive board submits his report as follows: Report of committee to nominate executive board. We, your committee to nominate executive board, beg leif to submit the following Brethren as our board for next year:

D. M. WILLIFORD,
H. G. SESSOMS,
W. R. WARREN,
J. H. WARREN,
R. A. BUTLER,
S. A. HOWARD,
JNO. L. WILLIAMS.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. BAIN, Chairman.

It is moved and seconded that our clerk have printed in our next minutes our church covenant (see last page minutes.) Next is Finance Committee's Report which is as follows:

FINANCE REPORT

Antioch	$ 16.53
Baptist Chapel	2.00
Center	22.75
Corinth	19.50
Elizabeth	1.50
Concord	1.30
Long Branch	4.83

Union Grove	2.00
Piney Green	116.00
Clement	1.50
Autryville	2.00
Godwin	3.00
Mill Creek	8.00
Mingo	2.00
Mt. Elam	9.32
Mt. Vernon	10.54
Pleasant Union	24.01
Roseboro	2.00
Mints	1.20
Spring Branch	6.50
Mary's Chapel	1.00
Browns	2.50
Salemburg	5.00
Total for all purposes	$264.98

Audited and found correct:

J. M. JONES,
W. R. WARREN,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 20th, 1920 to October 20th, 1921

Balance in treasury from last year	.93
Received at Association, Elizabeth	$264.05
Received from Center Church	9.00
Received from Union H. G.	10.06
Total from all sources	$284.04

DISBURSEMENTS

To Walters Durham	$167.01	
To F. B. Hamrick	36.04	
To Minutes and clerk	73.40	
Balance in treasury	7.59	
	$284.04	$284.04

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. WILLIFORD, Treasurer,
South River Association.

Audited and found correct.

Committee to nominate member of state board and delegates to

Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention submit the following report.

J. Abner Barker, member of State board.

Rev. G. A. Bain, delegate to Baptist State Convention and Rev. W. J. Jones, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion a vote of thanks is extended to the good people of Antioch community for their kind hospitality to all those who attended this association.

Move to adjourn.

J. M. PAGE, Moderator,
D. M. WILLIFORD, Clerk.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Antioch—J. D. McCorquodale, L. B. Starling, W. M. Matthews.

Autryville—S. J. Faircloth, J. A. Naylor, Z. V. Spell.

Baptist Chapel—A. K. Page, A. B. Royal, F. E. Wrench, Almond Jackson, N T. Williams.

Browns—J. E. Bass, S. H. Jordan, Ed. Bass.

Center—W. R. Williams, Jr., N. E. Williams, W. A. Royal.

Clement—A. B. Bullard, J. F. Autry, Alvin Matthews, Walter Williams .

Corinth—J. O. Honeycutt, N. C. Warren, Marion Lockerman.

Concord—Joseph O. Davis, Calvin S. Davis, E. W. Jackson.

Elizabeth—A. H. McLemore, Luther Porter, Andrew Autry.

Godwin—Duncan Pope, G. H. Starling, J. H. Pope.

Hickory Grove—H. M. Jackson, I. T. McLamb, B. F. Weeks.

Long Branch—O. D. Hall, F. J. Sessoms, Daniel Currie.

Mary's Chapel—James I. Gainey, N. J. Bradshaw.

Mill Creek—M. M. Sessoms, J. O. Haire.

Mints—H. C. Johnson. H. O. Vinson, Moody Simmons.

Mingo—E. A. Jackson, Autry Baggett, Eddie Aman.

Mt.. Elam—R. P. Jackson, S. L. Jackson, Blake Jackson.

Mt. Vernon—A. S. Coley, L. J. Tew, Tim Pope.

Piney Green—F. M. Tew, J. R. McLamb, R. E. Simmons, C. H. McLamb, A. G. Spell, J. A. Royal.

Pleasant Union—W. A. Seawell, M. O. Butler, J. E. Horne.

Roseboro—J. A. Barker, D. W. Tart, Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Miss Bessie West.

Salemburg—Charlie Williams, Clifford Howard, Mrs. Ella Royals, Mrs. Mollie Jones, Miss Lillie T. Howard.

Spring Branch—T. C. Gilbert, W. S. Strickland, D. M. Williford, W. T. Strickland, A. E. Alderman.

Union Grove—Otha Williams, D. R. Williams, Randall Williams, R. C. Canady.

White Oak—T. J. Wilson, R. A. Butler, Bernice Herring.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing the Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and giving the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an anunal report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by them by the Treasurer of the association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body, and the members of this Board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any Church desiring to become a member shall present the petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through the church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

CHURCH COVENANT

For as much as it has pleased Almighty God to turn us from darkness to light and to reunite us in one body by the blood of his cross. For as much as in His Providence He has so fixed the bounds of our habitation that our local relation to each other invites us to unite together for our mutual benefit and for the advancement of his cause. We, therefore, unitedly give up ourselves to the Lord and to one another according to His will in church fellowship. We do covenant and agree to take the Bible and the Bible only as the most clear comprehensive and perfect rule in doctrinal experimental and practical religion, as the most safe and only infallible rule by which to regulate our principles, tempers and whole behavior. We next agree to the honor and glory of God that we will seek the welfare of the Church of Christ and particularly that church to which we belong. That we will pray for the peace of Jerusalem that peace may be within her walls, prosperity in her palaces. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor give sleep nor slumbering to our eyes to the neglect of the sacred place where two or three meet together to read, sing and pray in the name of the Lord. We will love the place where His honor dwelleth and never forsake the house of His abode.

He will submit to the order and discipline of the church according to the doctrine, examples and admonitions of our Lords ambassadors or apostles to the church in primitive terms. We will employ our talents and our substance according to our ability for the benefit of the church with which we are connected and for the cause of God in general.

We will regard the table of the Lord as sacred to the memory of His unmerited love, His painful and accused death and His atoning sacrifice for a lost world. We will regard it to provoke one another to love and to good works. We resolve and agree to love one another in the Lord, to follow after the things that make for peace and whereby one may edify or build up another; to speak no evil one of another; to watch over one another, not from evil surmising but from faithful affections from Christian love. Not to find fault, not to wound, but to heal; not to kill, but to cure; to reprove if need be in the most tender manner and with the sole view of correcting the principles, softening the temper, allowing the mind to right reflection and of regaining the heart to its first love.

TABLE 1—STATISTICAL

Church	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gains			Losses			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive, N. C.	J. L. Williams, Dunn, N. C.	1st Sun	$2,000	1			3	4	1	34	57	91
Autryville	W. C. Bowding	R. L. Hall						4	1	2	46	72	109
Baptist Chapel		N. T. Williams			18	4							290
Browns	J. W. Bell, Faison	W. C. Howard, Clinton	2nd Sun	800		1				3	15	23	38
Clement	C. B. Howard, Wake Forest	J. B. Page, Wade	3rd Sun	3,000	15	3		7			73	104	177
Corinth	G. A. Bain, Dunn	M. T. Crumpler, Clinton	1st Sun	1,000	12	1				2	48	50	98
Concord	John Prevatte, Buie	L. V. Haire, Autryville	1st Sun	1,800		1		1	1	2	48	108	156
Center	John Prevatte, Buie	J. L. Williams, Wade	3rd Sun	1,200	8		1	5		1	45	68	113
Elizabeth	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	A. H. McLemore, Roseboro			4	4	22	20		2	64	70	134
Godwin	A. H. Porter, Duke	J. H. Pope, Godwin	1st Sun	3,500	3						30	32	62
Hickory Grove	G. A. Bain, Dunn	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	2nd Sun	1,000	10	3	1	1		1	47	60	107
Long Branch	G. A. Bain, Dunn	Daniel Currie, Autryville	4th Sun	800	1	4		1	6	3	40	78	118
Mill Creek	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	I. A. Horne, Roseboro	2nd Sun	1,200	3			1		1	18	38	56
Marys Chapel	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	J. G. Daughtry, Clinton	3rd Sun	600		2	1			1	20	15	35
Mints	Joel Johnson, Stedman	Evander Simpson, Roseboro	1st Sun	1,000	14		1	1	1		26	41	67
Mingo	A. L. Turner, Clinton	I. A. Baggett, Cooper	3rd Sun	2,000		6		1	1		45	52	97
Mt. Elam	G. A. Bain, Dunn	W. R. Warren, Salemburg	3rd Sun	3,500	13	4		4	4	3	74	112	186
Mt. Vernon	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	Mrs. J. E. Britt, Clinton	3rd Sun	1,500	13	6		5	1		30	38	68
Piney Green	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	Braxton Fann, Huntley	4th Sun	2,000	17	2		6	1	2	129	170	299
Pleasant Union	T. J. Hood, Goldsboro	J. E. Horne, Autryville	1st Sun	500	28	6	1	2	2		35	75	110
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	1 - 3rd Sun	12,000	15	10		4		4	81	97	178
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	A. P. Howard, Salemburg	2 - 4th Sun	5,000	14	8		10		3	115	163	278
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buies Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn	1 - 3rd Sun	7,500	27	8		4	2	5	185	203	383
Union Grove	Chas. Howard, Wake Forest	R. C. Howard, Autryville	3rd Sun	1,000				5			49	56	105
White Oak	E. T. Carter Clinton	Fulton Crumpler, Clinton	4th Sun	1.200	1			3	1	2	26	42	68

TABLE 2—FINANCIAL

Church	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesig'ted)	State and Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	TOTAL
Antioch	$154.75	$23.15	$10.00	$25.96		$1.50	$	$	$6.00	$2.00	$3.00	$	$ 4.03	$	$	$ 230.39
Autryville	360.00			50.00					70.60							480.60
Baptist Chapel	175.00	29.60				2.00	90.60		86.00							383.20
Browns	75.00															75.00
Clement	360.00	4.52		10.04		1.50		105.82								481.88
Corinth						2.00		17.50								19.50
Concord	200.00		13.50	14.90		1.30			2.74	3.12	2.88					238.44
Center	125.00			30.45		1.00	40.15		7.00	3.00	4.00		19.40	3.75	4.00	237.75
Elizabeth	151.22			26.23			21.00	209.86								382.08
Godwin	100.00		45.00	6.81		1.00		6.00					18.00			176.81
Hickory Grove	130.00			23.20			71.80	119.50								344.50
Long Branch	100.00	10.00		15.00	12.00	1.00	50.00		.93	8.36	8.63		3.14			209.06
Marys Chapel	50.00	20.00	10.00	15.00		1.00			4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00				106.00
Mill Creek	75.00		20.00	5.25		1.00		7.00								108.25
Mints	150.00															150.00
Mingo	275.00		12.00	40.00		2.00	22.50	250.00					83.00			684.50
Mt. Elam	108.00	200.00		41.82		2.00	76.25		11.82	4.56			19.19			463.64
Mt. Vernon	150.00		76.00	10.00				3.70	4.10				7.85			251.65
Piney Green		15.00	.50		18.35	1.25	83.00	9.50	20.00	25.00	40.00		15.00		5.00	232.60
Pleasant Union	125.00			10.00	3.00	1.00	8.25		4.01	2.00	5.00	1.00	10.00		1.00	170.26
Roseboro	1 200	150.00		521.86	155.67		482.87						46.93			3,560.33
Salemburg	1 250		154.88	117.68	25.45	5.00	138.49		42.13				73.62	1,366.98		5,169.99
Spring Branch	650.00		30.00	75.00		6.50	196.00	1211.12					175.00			2,343.62
Union Grove				15.00		2.00							16.00			33.00
White Oak	153.00			14.27				58.54				1.07	35.00			389.88

TABLE 3—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Supt. and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enroll.	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	L. W. Starling, Godwin	Mrs. L. B. Starling, Dunn	1	8	69	77	31	12	1	$19.96	$	$ 7.43	$ 6.00	$33.39
Autryville	L. M. Cooper, Autryville									50.00				50.00
Baptist Chapel	A. K. Hall	Della Wrench								29.76			24.02	53.78
Browns	J. E. Bass, Clinton		1	4	40	44	8	8		5.06				5.06
Clement	A. I. Matthews, Autryville	Irma Matthews, Autryville	1	5	144	149	81	12	15	10.14	4.91	4.06		19.11
Concord	John Bedsole, Autryville	Daisy Davis, Autryville	1	7	71	78		12						
Corinth	M. S. Lewis, Clinton	Eva Warren, Clinton	1	6	110	116		8		16.00				16.00
Center	J. T. Williams, Wade	Alda Williams, Wade	1	13	47	60	40	12	7	30.45				30.45
Elizabeth	Arthur Porter, Roseboro	Ada Faircloth, Roseboro	1	8	133	141		12	4					
Godwin	J. M. Starling, Godwin	J. I. Starling, Godwin	1	6	25	31	20	12	2	6.81		18.00		24.81
Hickory Grove	I. T. McLamb, Clinton	Dorothy Warren, Salemburg	1	8	99	107	60	9	10	23.20				23.20
Long Branch	J. F. Naylor, Autryville	Hosea Autry, Autryville	1	7	93	100	34	9	1	15.00	16.99	3.14	50.00	85.13
Marys Chapel	J. G. Doughtery, Clinton	Jones I. Gainey, Clinton	1	5	40	45	25	9		15.00	1.00	1.00		17.00
Mill Creek	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro	George Haire, Roseboro	1	5	54	59		12	2					
Mints	Evander Simpson, Roseboro	Mary Butler, Roseboro												
Mingo	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	Jeanette Jackson, Dunn	1	7	123	130	65	12		40.00				40.00
Mt. Elam	H. H. Warren, Salemburg	W. R. Warren, Salemburg	1	8	137	145	93	12	11	29.39				29.39
Mt. Vernon	Marshall Gainey, Clinton	Herbert Pope, Moultonville	1	5	35	40		12	7	10.00		2.85		12.85
Piney Green	C. S. Edwards, Huntley	Georgina Fann, Huntley	2	9	190	199	160	12	16	8.74			25.35	34.09
Pleasant Union	W. A. Seawell, Roseboro	Nannie Goodrich, Roseboro	1	6	90	96	25	12	25	10.00		5.00		15.00
Roseboro	J. Abner Barker, Roseboro	J. G. Dunn, Roseboro	1	10	160	170	103	12	10	2.68		120.00	133.86	521.86
Salemburg	J. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	1	12	338	360	225	12	12	111.68	42.13	73.62	86.74	320.17
Spring Branch	M. W. Naylor, Dunn	F. S. Williford, Dunn	1	14	252	266	240	12	20	75.00				75.00
Union Grove	R. C. Howard, Autryville	Cropsy Williams, Autryville	1	6	150	156	70	9		15.00		16.00		31.00
White Oak	T. J. Wilson, Clinton	Orville Harrell, Clinton	1	8	86	94	29	9	1	14.27	1.07	35.00	5.25	55.59

TABLE 4—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Church—Name of Organization—President—Postoffice:	75 Million (Undesig'ted)
Elizabeth—W. M. U.	$60.63
Hickory Grove—W. M. U.—Mrs. A. B. Gilbert, Clinton	44.50
Mingo—W. M. U.	100.00
Parkersburg—W. M. U.	13.75
Roseboro—W. M. U.—Mrs. A. B. Owen, Roseboro	83.75
Sunbeam	5.79
Spring Branch—W. M. U.—Mrs. G. A. Bain—Dunn	227.20
Spring Branch—Y. W. A.	198.85
Spring Branch—Sunbeams—Esther Lee	18.25
Spring Branch—B. Y. P. U.—W. T. Strickland, Dunn	30.00
Salemburg—W. M. U.—Mrs. C. S. Royal, Salemburg	149.05
Salemburg—Y. W. A.	30.30
Salemburg—Sunbeams	10.20
Salemburg—R. A.	5.25
Salemburg—Christian Education	1 200
White Oak—Sunbeams—Mrs. T. J. Wilson, Clinton	1.39

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OFFICERS

J. M. PAGE, Moderator	Autryville, N. C.
D. M WILLIFORD, Clerk and Treasurer	Dunn, N. C.

NEXT MEETING

Time—October 24, 25, 26, 1923.

Place—Roseboro Baptist Church.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. E. N. Johnson.

Missionary Sermon by Dr. L. E. N. Freeman.

Nearest Railroad Station—Roseboro, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
Rev. R. Honeycutt	Clinton, N. C.
Rev. D. W. Tew	Clinton, N. C.
Rev. J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
Rev. C. B. Horne	Roseboro, N. C.
Rev. M. W. Naylor	Dunn, N. C.
Rev. G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

D. M. Williford, clerk	Dunn, N. C.
H. G. Sessoms, secretary	Salemburg, N. C.
W. R. Warren	Salemburg, N. C.
J. H. Warren	Salemburg, N. C.
S. A. Howard	Salemburg, N. C.
R. A. Butler	Clinton, N. C.
Jno. L. Williams	Godwin, N. C.

Program for next Session of the South River Association to be held with the church at Roseboro, October 24, 25 and 26, 1923.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory sermon by Rev. E. N. Johnson.
12:00 m.—Organization.
12:30 p. m.—Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Devotional Exercises by G. B. Williams.
1:45 p. m.—Biblical Recorder by Rev. G. A. Bain.
2:15 p. m.—Ministerial Relief by Rev. M. W. Naylor.
2:45 p. m.—Christian Education by Rev. J. A. Cambpell.
3:15 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises by A. E. Alderman.
9:45 a. m.—Home Missions by Rev. W. J. Jones.
10:15 a. m.—State Missions by Rev. G. Scot Turner.
10:45 a. m.—Foreign Missions by A. P. Howard.
11:15 a. m.—Missionary Sermon by L. E. N. Freeman.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Devotional Exercises by J. A. Turlington.
1:45 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.
2:15 p. m.—Orphanages by Mrs. W. J. Jones.
2:45 p. m.—Sunday schools by J. Abner Barker.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises by D. W. Tart.
9:45 a. m.—Temperance by Rev. J. O. Tew.
10:30 a. m.—Obituaries by Mrs. J. Abner Barker.
11:00 a. m.—Report of Executive Board.
11:30 a. m.—Miscellaneous business.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ALDERMAN,
BUNYAN PAGE,
W. N. DIXON,

Committee.

To the Clerks and Treasurers.

Moneys collected during the year for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education with all the objects of the convention may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with associational mission money to the union or to the association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church, keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the association.

PROCEEDINGS.

Autryville Baptist church, Autryville, N. C., Wednesday morning October 18, 1922, South River Association met in its Forty-Sixth Annual session with the Baptist church at Autryville, according to invitation and appointment.

11:00 o'clock a. m.—Introductory by Rev. G. A. Bain.

12:00 m.—Organization.

Moderator J. M. Page called the association to order. First on program is organization. On motion Prof. J. M. Page, present incumbent is re-elected moderator for ensuing year. Next is election of clerk and treasurer. On motion D. M. Williford is elected to succeed himself as clerk and treasurer for ensuing year. Moderator appoints the following committees, as reading clerks: Brethren J. A. Baggett and Gerald Autry. There was a motion and second, to dispense with reading the letters, after some discussion, it is moved and seconded that Bro. G. Scot Turenr be added to this committee and that Bro. Baggett and Bro. Autry and Bro. Turner be appointed a digest committee. It is so ordered. Bro. J. V. Warren and E. R. Blue as finance committee. R. L. Hall, M. W. Naylor and G. A. Bain to nominate executive Board. Brethren J. B. Alderman, Bunyan Page and W. N. Dixon, committee on place and program. Committees to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist convention, Brethren A. E. Alderman and W. J. Jones. Auditing committee, Brethren Clarence Howard and W. J. Butler. The following visiting Brethren were recognized: Dr. Chas. E. Brown and Perry Morgan, of Raleigh, association, Dr. Brewer, representing Christian Education and Bro. Morgan, our State B. Y. P. U. work; also Rev. J. M. Page from Robeson association, representing Biblical Recorder and Rev. Joel S. Johnson from Cumberland association, now doing pastoral work in this association. It was moved and seconded that Dr. Brewer be given time, just after dinner tomorrow, to discuss Christian education.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Afternoon session. Devotional exercises by Bro. Perry Morgan. Association called to order by moderator. Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, of Raleigh, very ably and interestingly discussed

Christian education, also Mrs. W. J. Jones, followed Dr. Brewer in discussion. On motion the discussions were adopted, pending the report for clerk.

Raleigh, N. C., September 14, 1922.

SOME DATA OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST OR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

North Carolina Baptists own and maintain three colleges—Wake Forest for men and Meredith and Chowan for women. These three institutions enrolled last year 1,002 students. They own in plant, equipment and endowment $1,888,603.21. We also own and operate five academies: Boiling Springs, Buie's Creek, Dell, Liberty-Piedmont and Wingate. These enrolled last year 1,523 students, and own property worth $316,000.00. The Home Mission Board controls and supports in North Carolina nine mountain schools, which enrolled last year 1,900 students, and own property valued at $554,000.00.

In addition to the above, we have in North Carolina one Baptist college at Oxford privately owned, and two academies—Pineland for girls and Mountain Park for boys and girls, both privately owned.

Let me add that North Carolina joins with other southern states in supporting the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for preachers at Louisville, Ky., which enrolled last session 339 ministerial students, and owns property valued at $2,150,000.00; with a Woman's Training School attached, which enrolled 166 students last year; the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, with an enrollment of 691 men and women together, and property valued at $1,454,700.00; also a Bible Institute in New Orleans, La., enrolling 329 students, with property worth $300,000.00.

We had about 85 ministerial students at Wake Forest last session, and about 35 at Louisville, also four young women preparing for the foreign field at Meredith. Our high schools reported over 100 ministerial students and student volunteers last session.

REV. H. PIPKIN,
G. SCOT TURNER,
Committee.

Report Biblical Recorder by D. M. Williford. It is moved and seconded that report be adopted; after discussions on this report by Rev. J. Martin Page, followed by Rev. G. Scot Turner on motion, is adopted.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

People cannot be expected to take interest in anything unless they know something about it. This fact is recognized in every relation of life. Business men realize the fact that to succeed in business they must advertise, and advertising is simply keeping people informed as to any special line of business.

Political parties know the importance of imparting information and hand-books are published giving many facts, and some things at times that may not be facts, but which are impressive and influence votes.

Fakirs of all sorts and in all lines use the printed page with telling effects in exploiting their wares. The propagandists of false doctrines depend upon literature as upon no other agency for getting their cults before the public, as witness Russellism and Christian Science.

Christian people profess to believe that the interests of Christ's Kingdom are more important than anything else in all the world, and yet they are satisfied to know less about it than about almost anything else. The doctrines of the New Testament are of eternal importance because they have to do with the things of the soul, and yet many Christians are more familiar with the principles of the political party with which they affiliate than they are with the great doctrine of grace.

Secular papers can be found in many Christian homes into which no religious paper goes. There are, according to reliable information, five hundred thousand Baptist homes in the South into which the denominational paper does not go, while only 150,000 receive the denominational papers. Estimating five readers to the home, only 750,000 of our 3,000,000 read the denominational paper, leaving 2,250,000 who do not get the important information contained in the Baptist papers.

In North Carolina, according to the estimates used for the South, we have 65,227 homes into 3,500 of which the Recorder finds its way. Of the 300,000 Baptists in the State only 75,000 read the Recorder week by week leaving 225,000 who do not avail themselves of this the only way of keeping informed about the affairs of our denomination.

Aside from the value of the Recorder as a denominational agency, the paper would be an inestimable blessing to the homes of our people. In this day when dangerous and deadly doctrine is being scattered like autumn leaves, and is finding its way into every home, we owe it to our children to put within their reach wholesome literature such as is found in our religious papers. The Biblical Recorder is a family paper, giving matter that is suited for every member of the family, and the cost is only two dollars a year.

There is a Southwide movement now to increase the circulation of the Baptist papers in the South. As the Recorder had on a campaign last spring we have not pressed the campaign now being waged, but we hope the Recorder will not lose its place as third in the list of Southern Baptist papers so far as circulation is concerned. We trust that all the associations yet to meet will give serious consideration to the matter of increasing the circulation of this important Kingdom agency.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. WILLIFORD, Committee.

Report on Ministerial Relief by Rev. J. W. Bell, discussed by Brethren J. W. Bell, W. J. Jones and J. Martin Page. On motion report is adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
By COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OLD MINISTER'S RELIEF

This is one obect in our budget of benevolences that should have its full share of consideration by us as Christians. Pause for a moment, run back in your life and see if your conversion does not date from either a sermon, a prayer or a kind hearted talk with one of those faithful men of God.

Ofttimes God, in his own way allows these heralds of the cross to live beyond their day of active service simply to test our love and appreciation of what they have been to us, and done for us. There are two objects which we meet in life that appeal to the very best there is in us. One is an Orphan Child; the other is a worn-out minister of the Gospel.

The church, which should lead the world in the spirit of charity and benevolence, cannot and must not let this worthy cause suffer. Our government provides for its old soldiers; large corporations provide for their faithful and worn-out servants. Should not the church, the noblest and most glorious of all institutions, lead the world in taking care of its worn-out servants? No preacher has ever become rich in material things by preaching the Gospel.

So then, in old age and on the evening side of life, when his task is nearly complete, and his race nearly run, why should not we, who are enjoying the rich fruits of his pious and godly life, show our love, honor, and respect for him by giving of our means as God has blest us to keep the wolf of hunger and cold away from his door?

Oh Christian brother and sister, this noble cause should appeal to you in a peculiar way from the very nature of it. He, who has given his life, his love, his interest for the good of your soul, demands some return on your part.

The 75-Million Campaign provides for this phase of our work. So then let us not forget to pay our pledges so the old ministers of our Southland may get their share to help them on more comfortably to the end of life's journey.

For Committee,
REV. J. W. BELL.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Miscellaneous business is taken up. List of churches called and following churches responded by letter or delegate: Autryville, Clement, Hickory Grove, Long Branch, Mill Creek, Mingo, Mt. Elam, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Union, Roseboro, Spring Branch, Union Grove. At this point Harmony Missionary Baptist church presents her letter with petitionary letter for membership in this association, whereupon there was a motion and second that a committee be appointed to take this matter under advisement until tomorrow and report to this association on this petition. Moderator appoints as this committee, Brethren G. A. Bain, M. W. Naylor and W. J. Jones. Bro. G. A. Bain, pastor of Beulah church, invites the next association to meet with Beulah church, also Spring Branch and Roseboro and Pleasant Union, all extend invitations to the association to meet with them next year. This all being left entirely with committee on place and program. There being no further business, it is moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning 9:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:30 o'clock a. m.—Devotional exercises by Bro. Clarence Howard by reading 111 Psalm. Prayer and song service. 9:45 association called to order by moderator. First on program is Home

Missions. On motion it is ordered that we combine all the Mission Reports, Home, State and Foreign first on program. Submitted by Rev. G. Scot Turner for A. L. Turner. On motion report is adopted.

SUGGESTED REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

(For Associations)

As will be learned from the annual report of the Home Mission Board made to the Southern Baptist Convention at Jacksonville last May, the Board presented a record of wonderful achievements. The previous year had been the greatest in all the history of the Board and though there was retrenchment in the force of workers, the past year in results was even greater.

The million dollar mark was reached in the Church Building Loan Fund which is loaned to churches in the erection of church buildings.

It was the greatest year in soul saving and in the enlistment of our forces in the work of the kingdom, in advancement towards self-support in so many of our fields, all of which conspired to render the year memorable in our history.

Sometimes statistics are tiresome and uninteresting, but such as the following ought to cause thanksgiving to God on our part and resolutions to make it possible for even greater results through the labors of our Home Mission Board:

There were last year under the employment of the Board, independent and co-operative workers, a total of 1,188 missionaries who supplied 3,131 churches and missions, delivered 165,445 sermons and addresses, made 236,992 religous visits, baptized 36,164 converts, received 83,994 additions to the churches, organized 308 churches, built or improved 456 houses of worship, organized 786 Sunday-schools and did a vast work in personal visitation among the sick and distributed millions of pages of tracts and thousands of copies of the Scriptures.

What a mighty work is being accomplished through this great agency of Southern Baptists, the Home Mission Board! Surely the Lord of Hosts is with us, making bare His mighty arm in the salvation of the lost!

The Board's work is done under the following Departments: Cooperative Missions, Enlistment, Evangelism, Mountain Schools, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, Cuba, Panama, Soldiers and Seamen, Publicity, Southern Baptist Sanatorium, Church Extension.

In every department of the work there has been splendid progress, especially on the lines of Evangelism and Enlistment, which two departments have recently been more closely coordinated and are working hand in hand for the salvation of the lost and the development of the saved.

The Board for two years has been heavily in debt because of the enlargement of the work at the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign and a great falling off in receipts during the past year. This has made it necessary for retrenchment wherever possible and has at the same time made it impossible for the Board to respond to numerous and pressing calls for help.

Financial conditions are improving and the Board is encouraged to believe that its receipts will be in advance of those for last year and thus make it possible to lessen the Board's debt and turn our forces towards the larger opportunities that are found on every hand.

Free literature in the way of tracts and leaflets can be had on application to the Home Mission Board, 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,
A. L. TURNER, Committee.

Report on State Missions by C. B. Howard. Bro. Howard is not present and Bro. Perry Morgan being present and called on to do so, Bro. Morgan consented to make this report which he did very acceptably. On motion discussion is adopted, pending report being sent to clerk.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is the hub around which revolves all our Mission work. It is the Home Base for our Missionary operations. Our State Mission Board has organized its work into eight Departments, namely:

1. The Department of Missionary—Pastoral Assistance.
2. Department of Sunday Schools.
3. Department of Baptist Young People's Union.
4. Department of Enlistment and Country Church.
5. Department of Church Building.
6. Department of Evangelism.
7. Department of Woman's Missionary Union.
8. Book Department.

Each department is one phase of our State Mission work, and headed by one general worker with assistants. Under the Department of Missionary Pastoral Assistance there are about 210 Missionary pastors in the employ of the State Mission Board. These men serve 350 churches and mission stations. The Board is assisting in the payment of the salary of our pastors at many of our colleges and school centers, believing that it is vitally important to have a strong preacher and pastor hard by every school whether it be a State school or a Baptist school, a farm life school or a great university.

There are nearly 2,300 churches in North Carolina. About 1,800 are country churches. Many of these country churches have preaching only once a month and often the pastor has to go a long distance to reach his churches. Much is being done toward the formation of fields and increase of the salary of the pastors.

The immediate task before North Carolina Baptists is to undertake anew the task of bringing to successful conclusion the Campaign launched for 75 Million Dollars three years ago. We are now engaged in a Reinforcement Campaign the purpose of which is to endeavor to collect all that is due on pledges already made and to secure a pledge from everyone who did not pledge three years ago and from those who have come into our churches during the past three years. Also to secure a cash offering from all of our people. We would recommend that the churches of our Associations endorse the plan of organization promulgated by our State Mission Board and at once fall in line with the plan of our denomination to put on the Reinforcement Campaign during October and November.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. HOWARD, Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions by Bro. S. A. Howard, submitted by Mrs. S. A. Howard. On motion report is adopted. Bro. J. W. Bell from Eastern Association is recognized, also Dr. J. L. Vipperman from the Gaston Association located at Dallas, N. C., is recognized and extended a cordial welcome and invited to enter into our discussions, etc. Committee on petitionary letter from Harmony church, recommended that the church be received in this association. On motion the church is received, and moderator invites the delegates from this church that are present to seats with us and extends to them the right-hand of fellowship in this association.

Bro. G. Scot Turner, clerk of digest committee, makes report of the letters from the churches that were represented yesterday.

11:15 a. m.—Missionary sermon by Rev. W. J. Jones. Text, Mark 16 chapter, 15 verse, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," etc. Bro. Jones was at his best and preached a great sermon.

12:30 m.—Dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises by Bro. J. A. Baggett by reading 23rd Psalm. Prayer and song service. Association convened by moderator. Miscellaneous business taken up. Moderator called the list of churches who were not represented yesterday and following churches responded: Antioch, Baptist Chapel, Browns, Corinth, Elizabeth, Mintz, Salemburg, White Oak and Harmony. Communication from Dr. Bryan for Evangelism and Enlistment was read. After some discussion Bro. G. Scot Turner and Mrs. J. Abner Barker were appointed a committee to take this matter up with Dr. Bryan. At this point a special is requested for the following brethren and sisters who were in Highsmith hospital and Pittman hospital, Brethren Bradford Fann and Jno. Allen Warren and Sister Dora Williams and Mattie Newton Snoddy. Resolution from Exec. Committee of Bushy Mountain Association was read by Rev. W. J. Jones, concerning the dissensions in our papers as to the present teaching of evolution and on motion Brethren G. A. Bain and J. O. Tew and J. M. Page to invite Bro. Livingston Johnson to meet them and discuss this subject at our next association or confer with them in some way on this subject. Bro. A. E. Alderman submitted a resolution going on record, opposed to legalized fraternities at Wake Forest college. On motion resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the South River association, that the Trustees of Wake Forest college, have made a serious mistake in legalizing fraternities, and we ask them to rescind this order at as early a date as possible.

Bro. Perry Morgan suggests that it will be well to elect some young brother as B. Y. P U. leader for this association and that he call a convention of the young people of our churches together to perfect an associational B. Y. P. U. On motion Bro. John B. Alderman is elected associational leader in this work.

Report on orphanage by Mrs. Ivey Royal. On motion, report is adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

If we read Mark 10:16 we will find how Christ cared for little children.

"He took them in his arms, put his hands upon them and blessed them."

This is just what our orphanages are doing today. They are gathering orphan children by the thousands into their arms and blessing them.

It was a long time after Christ did this before Christians realized, that, in every little waif drifting about in poverty, suffering, and perhaps crime, without home and parental care, lived an immortal soul. But after a while God spoke to a few noble Christians and placed in their hearts the love and sympathy for the little ones whom he loved and who needed a loving helping hand laid on them. These people were obedient to God's call and orphan homes began to spring up all over our land. As the eyes of the Christian people began to open and the hearts began to fill with the love and sympathy of our Master, these institutions began to grow, and rise higher and higher in importance, until today they stand at the top among our greatest Christian institutions, and are filling one of the greatest missions on earth.

Our orphanages are not "poor houses" nor "reformatories," where children are sent merely for food and shelter and to rid society of the burden of orphan children, but they are Christian homes with Christian ideals held constantly before the children from the time they enter, until they are shaped and moulded as near as possible after God's own plan.

Not only are they Christian homes, but great industrial schools, supervised and taught by the very best prepared consecrated Christian teachers. When a boy or girl finishes the entire course given in our orphanages, they are prepared to make our best citizens, and man can never measure the power added to the kingdom of Christ in this world.

At Thomasville stands a beautiful new building which takes the place of the one destroyed by fire. This building is filled with boys who are being taught and trained for God and for the good of humanity everywhere. The other buildings are full, as well as the Kennedy Home, and all are being moulded into strong characters.

There are more than 100 fatherless children, who are receiving help through the orphanage contribution, but who remain under their mother's care. If every church member would only open their hearts to the message of Christ as he speaks to us today, "In as much as ye do it to the least of these my brethren, ye do it unto me," every purse would open wide and contributions would pour into our orphanage treasuries until there would be means for the care of every orphan child in our land.

Those who are carrying the burden and responsibility of these institutions are some of the most Christ-like, self-sacrificing people who live today, and they are doing as near as possible what Christ would have them do.

We, as Christians are duty bound to help them carry on this great work in God's name. It is one of the greatest opportunities of real service to Christ. For he says, "If ye do it to the least of these ye do it unto me."

Let us see to it that on or near Thanksgiving every Baptist in our association bring a liberal offering and place at the feet of the Master for this great work, and make glad the hearts and lighten the burdens of our representatives who are looking after and caring for near 600 of our children.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. IVEY S. ROYAL, Committee.

Next on program is report on Sunday schools by Mrs. J. Abner Barker. Committee gave us a good interesting talk on this subject. Bro. J. A. Baggett also entertained us for a few minutes on this subject in telling us of the work as laid out at convention of Sunday school superintendents at Raleigh, last summer. As this finished the program for the day, it was moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 o'clock a. m.—Devotional exercises by Bro. A. P. Howard by reading Col. 2:3-17. Song service and prayer. Moderator called the association to order. First on program is Temperance. Bro. Hall, the committee is not present and on motion we turn aside from the regular program and take other business, whereupon committee to nominate executive board, make their report and recommend that the old board, as it now is, be elected for new board for ensuing year. On motion, report is adopted.

Bro. G. Scot Turner, recommends that the executive board be called, the executive and mission board and this board make a survey of the work to be done in this association next year and make application to secretary of State Mission Board before time for annual meeting of the Board for amount needed. On motion, Bro. Turner's amendment is adopted.

Report of committee to nominate executive board, as follows: We, your committee, beg lief to report that we nominate the same old board for next year, to-wit:

D. M. WILLIFORD,
H. G. SESSOMS,
S. A. HOWARD,
R. A. BUTLER,
W. R. WARREN,
J. H. WARREN,
J. L. WILLIAMS,

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Bain,
R. L. HALL,
M. W. NAYLOR,
Committee.

Committee on digest makes report as per letters sent up from the churches in the association. We find that the minute fund sent up with letters is not sufficient for printing minutes, and it is moved and seconded that we instruct the delegates present to take the matter up with their churches when they go home and send whatever amount they will give for this object to Bro. Williford, clerk. A cash collection is taken to the amount of $11:30, for this object. Report of committee to nominate delegates to State and Southern Baptist Convention as follows: Rev. G. A. Bain, delegate State convention, also member of State Board from this association and Bro. S. A. Howard, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. ALDERMAN,
W. J. JONES,
Committee.

Next is report of Obituary Committee. Rev. M. W. Naylor read report on Obituary. On motion, report is adopted.

OBITUARIES

During this past year our Heavenly Father has reached down and taken to Himself some of the best we had. The effort of this report is to honor their memory, and to call attention to the places they filled and the service they rendered. Their importance has changed from earthly to Heavenly. A year ago some of them perhaps were living in humble places and traveling muddy roads, but now walking the golden streets and living in houses not made with hands. Their going is an invitation to us to be faithful and true, also a warning to be ready for our call to go home.

The following have died from Spring Branch: S. C. Godwin, J. T. Naylor, Eta Bass, David Hair.

Mt. Elam—S. L. Jackson, Massie Bass.
Antioch—Rev. H. J. Duncan.
Baptist Chapel—B. Hawley.
Beulah—Mrs. Vinson Parker.
Autryville—Mrs. Isaac Autry, Mrs. H. P. Hall.

Inasmuch as we cannot know when the golden sickle is to be used and we are to be garnered in, it is important that we guard our feet, our hands, and our tongues.

M. W. NAYLOR, Committee.

Finance committee makes their report of moneys sent up with letters to this session of association as follows:

We, your committee appointed on finance, for this session of South River Association, October 18, 19, and 20, 1922, report as follows: There has come into our hands at this association with letters sent up for the different objects of the convention.

For missions	$208.59
For minute fund	27.21
Total sent up	$235.80

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. BLUE,
J. V. WARREN,
G. SCOT TURNER,

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 20, 1921 to October 20, 1922, for South River Association:

October 20, 1921, balance in treasury, reported	$ 7.59
Oct. 20, 1921, received from Finance Committee at Asso.	257.48
Received from J. W. Bell for Browns church	2.50
Received from Salemburg church for minutes	5.00
Received from committee at Corinth	7.60
Total moneys received this year	$280.17

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

To Walters Durham	$164.08
To F. B. Hamrick, Thomasville	35.80
To Minutes and Clerk	75.00
To Postage	2.20
Total paid out	$277.08
To amount to balance in treasury	3.09
	$280.17

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. WILLIFORD, Treasurer.

On motion, report is adopted.

Committee on place and program hand in their report. They decide on Roseboro, as the place for next session of the association. On motion, report is adopted. Program will appear on front pages of minutes.

Report on Temperance was not read as committee was not present and for lack of time. Bro. G. A. Bain was asked to hand the clerk a written report on this subject for the minutes.

TEMPERANCE

Temperance is virtue universal in its purpose and eternal in its results. An individual life is affected more by it than by any other influence, save that of the Holy Spirit. One's mental and physical development depends upon its use or abuse.

The rest of the body, the energy of the man, the peace of old age depend upon temperance. Even beasts of burden, machinery and all methods of transportation must practice or have practiced upon them temperance or they fail to perform service. If so much depends on temperance for material progress, how much more important it is that temperance be observed in moral affairs. Some one has defined temperance as thus: A moderate use of all things that are good and total abstinence of all things that are bad. As Christians we are willing to accept this definition. It would be difficult to mention all things that are bad, or all things good, but we can call attention to some of the things that are generally conceded to be detrimental to society. It is the consensus of opinion among Christian folks that all forms of intoxicants, dopes, narcotics and other nerve exciting habits are bad and should be totally abstained from. No matter how little we indulge in any of these we are on the intemperate side and our lives and testimony are shut out from the right kind of influencing. It is a fact that admits of no discussion that even a moderate use of intoxicants will degrade children to the third and fourth generation, that the use of narcotics give a desire for strong drink, induces indolency, and makes the mind stupid. We could go on at length, citing cases of undeveloped childhood, wasted manhood and tragical endings of human life by those who have indulged in narcotics and intoxicants, but such stories have been told and retold. Warnings have been sounded from every pulpit and nearly every platform.

There is another form of intemperance which has not been so widely discussed and which has been secretly doing its deadly work. Until recently it was considered immodest for the minister or the reformer to sound a warning against this form of intemperance. It was considered bad ethics for the doctor to tell what he knew, hence the poor victim was encouraged to continue his way of living. No defiinite steps were taken to find out the health conditions in this respect until the facts of the examining boards of the World War were made public. The per cent of the diseased was so great, that our health doctors and scientists went to work to find the cause and the cure. It has been found out that nearly all chronic ills are directly or indirectly caused from social intemperance. The blinded eye, the rheumatic limbs, the paralyzed muscle, defective hearing, bad teeth, criminal minds, undeveloped childhood are all largely attributed to this evil. If there are any in my hearing who have been intemperate in any way suggested by this article, determine to stop it now.

No matter how shyly or secretly a deed is done it will meet you again, and maybe and more likely in your own child.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. G. A. BAIN.

LIST OF DELEGATES TO THIS ASSOCIATION

Antioch—L. W. Starling, J. F. McCorquodale, C. C. Strickland.
Autryville—G. B. Williams, K. L. Davis, John Naylor.
Baptist Chapel—W. B. Tew, J. W. Page, C. M. Tew.
Browns—D. A. Bass, E. C. Bass.
Beulah—J. B. Raynor, L. H. Moore, Handy McLamb.
Clement—J. W. Matthews, J. B. Page, A. R. Bullard.
Center—J. T. Williams, W. A. Royal, R. T. Geddy.
Concord—Joseph O. Davis, Thos. C. Davis, H. J. Cashwell.
Corinth—A. D. Lockerman, M. T. Crumpler, N. C. Warren.
Elizabeth—Luther Porter, Preston Branch, J. H. Porter.
Godwin—.
Hickory Grove—I. T. McLamb, J. H. Warren, Thaddeus Naylor.
Harmony—J. C. Rich, H. A. Beatty, Jordan Holland.
Long Branch—O. D. Hall, Sion Horne, Amos N. Hall.
Mary Chapel—.
Mill Creek—M. M. Sessoms, H. W. Sessoms, J. A. Horne.
Mintz—H. C. Johnson, Chartey Butler, Evander Simpson.
Mingo—J. M. Jernigan, C. F. Carroll, J. A. Barefoot.
Mt. Elam—R. P. Jackson, H. M. McLamb, Ira Baggett, J. H. Edwards, Gerald Autry.
Mt. Vernon—Ernest McLamb, Bernice Brock, Mrs. C. R. Beaman.
Piney Green—Radford Fann, Jonah Hudson, J. M. Matthews, F. M. Tew, M. A. Butler.
Pleasant Union—W. A. Seawell, M. O. Butler, J. E. Horne.
Roseboro—W. J. Butler, J. E. Wilson. J. A. Barker, D. W. Tart, G. W. Butler.
Salemburg—Clarence Howard, Lilly Howard, Clifford Howard, Mina Howard, E. T. Lewis.
Spring Branch—W. N. Dixon, J. V. Warren, E. R. Blue, W. T. Strickland, F. P. Giles.
Union Grove—Randal Williams, R. L. Royal, Randal Canaday.
White Oak—T. J. Wilson, R. A. Butler, Percy Owens.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association, and of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing the Association by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and giving the casting vote in case of a tie.

Aritcle 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Aritcle 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by them by the Treasurer of the association for those objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body, and the members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Article 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present the petition to the annual session of this body, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through the church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Article 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Letters presented the first day of the association.

There were thirteen letters presented to the association. The names of the churches presenting these are as follows: Autryville, Beulah, Clement, Hickory Grove, Long Branch, Mill Creek, Mingo, Mt. Elam, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Union, Roseboro, Spring Branch, Union Grove.

The following money was brought to the association:

For missions	$89.35
For minute fund	24.99

The following is a summary of the work of these thirteen churches for the year.

Total membership	1,884
Baptisms for year	156
Number deaths reported	16
Amount paid for local expenses	$5,397.23
Amount paid to 75 Million Campaign	2,310.74
Other benevolences	132.59
Total	$7,840.56

Letters presented the second day and third day.

There were twelve letters presented from the following churches: Antioch, Corinth, Brown's, Harmony, Elizabeth, Piney Green, Salemburg, Mintz, Baptist Chapel, White Oak, Center, Concord.

These churches reported:

Membership	1,657
Baptisms	57
Deaths	26
Total minute fund	$27.21

Total for Association:

Churches represented	25
Total membership	3,541
Baptisms	213
Number of deaths	42

J. V. WARREN,
E. R. BLUE,
G. S. TURNER .

SALEMBURG W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the South River Association met at the Salemburg Baptist church Saturday, November 11. While waiting for delegates to arrive, we were entertained with music by Miss Notre Hipp, one of the Pineland School girls.

The meeting opened with Mrs. C. S. Royal, our efficient superintendent, presiding and conducting the devotional exercises. The address of welcome was given in a very hearty and cordial way by Mrs. A. E. White, the oldest member of the Union. Then Mrs. S. A. Howard was asked to give a talk on Temperance, which she gave in a very interesting way.

Next was a vocal solo—Ninety and Nine, by Mr. Fontaine, director of music at Pineland school.

The needs of our young people and how to meet them, evoked a very interesting discussion. It was led by Miss Leah Stanley, who gave a very interesting and helpful address on this subject

Miss Mary Warren, our corresponding secretary gave a very instructive and inspiring talk on W. M. U. work.

Mrs. J. A. Barker, very interestingly discussed the reinforcement campaign.

After an hour's intermission for dinner the union reassembled. The devotional service of the afternoon session was conducted by Mrs. Helen Spell of Roseboro, based on John, 14th chapter. A Temperance song was beautifully sung by the Pineland chorus.

Mrs. Ivey Royal gave a very helpful and beautiful address on stewardship. Mrs. W. J. Jones in her usual interesting and intelligent way, spoke on the needs of the churches. She stressed the point that everybody should take part in the church work and should pray and read the Bible more.

A very inspiring paper was read by Miss Marsh, of the Salemburg High school on "How to build up the churches," she stressed: Having a live Sunday school, an active prayer service, and more interesting ladies aid societies.

Miss Mary Warren made a talk on Mission study.

The reports given from the different churches were encouraging. The following churches reported for W. M. S.

Antioch	$ 5.40
Corinth	2.19
Elizabeth	24.36
Mingo	80.00
Roseboro	162.91
Salemburg	257.45

Spring Branch	170.60
White Oak	40.00
Total	$742.91

Y. W. A.

Salemburg	$ 23.90
Spring Branch	94.25
Total	$118.15

SUNBEAMS

Elizabeth	$ 1.17
Roseboro	5.72
Salemburg	14.78
Spring Branch	12.75
White Oak	1.25
Total	$35.67

R. A.

Salemburg	$ 5.35

After the report from the committee on the election of officers the union adjourned.

TABLE NO. 1. CHURCH DIRECTORY

	Pastors And Postoffices	Clerks And Postoffices	Regular Days of Meeting
Antioch	H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive	J. L. Williams, Dunn	3rd Sat and Sun
Autryville	G. S. Turner, Stedman	Garthie Williams, Autryville	1st and 3rd Sun
Baptist Chapel	A. L Turner, Clinton	C. M. Tew, Cooper	3rd Sunday
Browns	J. W. Bell, Faison	E. C. Bass, Clinton	2nd and 3rd Sun
Beulah	G. A. Bain, Dunn	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn	4th Sunday
Clement	G. S. Turner, Stedman	J. B. Page, Wade	3rd Sunday
Center	G. S. Turner, Stedman	J. T. Williams, Wade	
Concord	J. S. Johnson, Cedar Creek	L. V. Haire, Autryville	1st Sunday
Corinth	G. A. Bain, Dunn	M. T. Crumpler, Clinton	3rd Sunday
Elizabeth	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	A. H. McLemore, Roseboro	2nd Sunday
Godwin			
Hickory Grove	G. A. Bain, Dunn	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	2nd Sunday
Harmony	J. W. Bell Faison	Rebecca Holland, Park-burg	3rd Sunday
Long Branch	Joel Johnson, Stedman	Daniel Curry, Autryville	3rd Sunday
Mary's Chapel	Pastorless	J. G. Daughtry, Clinton	3rd Sunday
Mill Creek	C. D. Peterson, Clinton	J. A. Horne, Roseboro	3rd Sunday
Mints			3rd Sunday
Mingo	A. L. Turner, Clinton	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	3rd Sunday
Mt. Elam	G. A. Bain, Dunn	W. R. Strickland, Cooper	3rd Sunday
Mt. Vernon	Pastorless	Mrs. J. E. Britt	3rd Sunday
Piney Green	H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive	Braxton Fann, Salemburg	2nd Sunday
Pleasant Union	A. L. Turner, Clinton	J. E. Horne, Autryville	1st Sunday
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	1st and 3rd Sun
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	J. R. Eason, Salemburg	2nd and 4th Sun
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buies Creek	D. M. Williford, Dunn	1st and 3rd Sun
Union Grove	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	R C. Howard, Autryville	4th Sunday
White Oak	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	Fulton Crumpler, Clinton	4th Sunday

TABLE NO. 1.—CONTINUED

	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP											CHURCH HOUSES AND PARSONAGES							
	Gains				Losses														
	Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths	Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	When Built	Materials Used	Persons Seated	Number of Rooms	Value of Church House and Grounds	Indebtedness on Property	Insurance Carried	Total Value all Church Property
Antioch	9	3	1		1		1	100	1	3 months		1865	wood	400	1	$2,000	$	$	$2,000
Autryville	25	3	1	1	3		1	149	1	3 months	5	1887	wood	500	3	2,500			2,500
Baptist Chapel					8		1	281		3 months	4		wood	500	1	1,500			1,500
Browns	2				1			37	1	3 months			wood	300	1	1,000			1,000
Beulah	22	1					1	83	1	3 months		1896	wood	200	1	700			700
Clement	1	2			2	1		176	1	3 months			wood	500	3	3,000			3,000
Center	1				1			115	1	3 months		1895	wood	400	1	1,000			1,000
Concord	7	1			1	3	2	161	1	3 months			wood	400	1	1,800			1,800
Corinth	8	1			1		1	104					wood	500	1	1,500			1,500
Elizabeth				3	5	3	1	123	1	3 months		1919	wood	500	1	3,000	75.00		3,000
Godwin																			
Hickory Grove	18	4					1	117	1	3 months	6	1892	wood	300	1	1,000			1,000
Harmony		5						29	1	3 months	1	1921	wood	300	1	1,000			1,000
Long Branch	3	2			4	3	1	115	1	3 months			wood	700	1	1,000			1,000
Mary's Chapel					3			27	0			1890	wood	500	1	1,000			1,000
Mill Creek					2			55	0	3 months			wood	500	1	1,000			1,000
Mints					5			62		3 months		1914	wood	400	1	1,000			1,000
Mingo	19	1	2		3	4	1	111	1	3 months	6	1915	wood	300	1	2,000		1,500	2,000
Mt. Elam	21	7	3	3	3		2	213	1	3 months	8	1870	wood	600	2	4,000			4,000
Mt. Vernon	4	3	3		1	1	1	70	1	6 months	3	1912	wood	300	1	2,000	125.00		2,000
Piney Green	1			1	6	5	3	287	1	3 months	1		wood	300	1	2,000			2,000
Pleasant Union	2	2		2	1	2			1	3 months		1800	wood	500	1	1,000			1,000
Roseboro	6	9		1	13		5	177	1	3 months		1912	brick	300	3	12,000			12,000
Salemburg	30	2		1	15	1		295	0	3 months	10	1901	wood	400	5	2,500			2,500
Spring Branch	23	6			7		5	400	1	3 months	18	1905	wood	750	5	6,000		4,000	6,000

	Regular 75 Million Campaign Funds (Undesignated)	DESIGNATED											
		Foreign (D). Missions.	Home (D) Missions.	State (D) Missions.	Associational (D). Missions.	Schools (D). and Colleges.	Ministerial (D). Education.	Orphanage (D).	Hospitals (D).	Ministerial (D). Relief.	Foreign (D). Relief.	Other Benevolences	Total of all Denominal Contributions.
Antioch	$	$5.72	$ 6.07	$4.64	$6.87	$	$	$23.62	$	$	$	$4.82	51.74
Autryville	5.25											12.00	17.25
Baptist Ch.	36.25	5.00			5.15			6.60					53.00
Browns				27.00	5.00			2.00					34.00
Beulah	7.00												7.00
Clement	60.00							15.00					75.00
Center		5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		3.00	19.00		3.00			45.00
Concord		2.17	2.47										4.64
Corinth	17.95											46.86	64.81
Elizabeth	85.15												85.15
Godwin													
Hick'y Gr.	52.22											14.10	66.32
Harmony					4.95			1.50					6.45
Long Br.		2.97											2.97
Mary's Ch.													
Mill Creek													
Mints	6.50							7.20					13.70
Mingo	181.70							60.73					242.43
Mt. Elam				15.00	14.59			52.26				148.50	230.35
Mt. Vernon	4.88							12.50		4.26			21.64
Piney Gr.		20.00	10.00	7.50	7.50	2.00	2.00	17.00	2.00	2.00	35.50		105.50
Pl. Union		5.00	1.00					10.00					16.00
Roseboro	202.04							70.25					272.29
Salemburg	655.05					273.36		69.66			42.23		1,040.30
Spring Br.	1,128.38					100.00		200.00					1,428.98
Union Gr.	30.00							18.00					48.00
White Oak	97.62	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.34			38.28					195.24

TABLE NO. 2—FINANCIAL

		Local Church Contributions									
	Regular Treasurers and Post Post Offices	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries.	Incidentals.	Building and Repairs.	Ministerial Help.	Help for Local Poor.	Literature for Sunday School, B. Y. P. U.	Printing and Publicity.	Other Objects	Total Local Church Contributions.
Antioch	S. T. Starling, Dunn, R. 1	$ 200.00	$	$ 8.75	$	$77.89	$	$68.84	$	$12.00	$ 367.48
Autryville		500.00		12.00		102.32	12.25		4.50		631.08
Baptist Chapel	J. W. Page, Cooper	200.00		500.00			12.52	6.00		2.00	720.52
Browns		100.00									100.00
Beulah	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn	40.00	55.00		147.50			9.97			252.47
Clement	A R. Bullard, Autryville	250.00		40.00	50.00			10.00			350.00
Center	W. A. Royal, Wade	250.00		300.00	100.00			28.00			381.00
Concord		150.00		70.30				16.92			237.22
Corinth		150.00									150.00
Elizabeth	Luther Porter, Roseboro	104.61				15.00		18.65	5.00		143.26
Godwin											
Hickory Grove	J H. Warren, Salemburg	131.76				100.50	3.06	17.83			253.15
Harmony	H. A. Beatty, Parkersburg	65.00				13.75	3.05	14.61			96.41
Long Branch	F. J. Sessoms, Autryville	150.00		5.00	50.00	30.50	11.20	18.30			265.00
Mary's Chapel				5.00	10.00			15.00	2.00		32.00
Mill Creek	J A. Horne, Roseboro	75.00									75.00
Mints	Charley Butler, Roseboro										
Mingo	E. A. Jackson, Dunn	250.00		12.00		76.00		45.00	2.00	1.50	385.00
Mt. Elam	Ira Baggett, Salemburg	159.05		19.00	308.95		35.50	85.92			308.42
Mt. Vernon	Hubert Pope, Moltonville	150.00		3.00						32.05	185.05
Piney Green	C H. McLamb, Salemburg	300.00			97.00	45.60	13.90	24.03			480.53
Union Grove	J. E. Horne, Autryville	152.00		48.00	150.00			22.60		2.50	375.10
A Butler White Oak	~~R. W. Tart, Roseboro~~ R. W. Butler Clinton	656.10		76.00	100.00	50.00	115.00			115.00	1,112.10
Horne Pleasant Union	~~Dr. C. L. Sykes, Salemburg~~ A. S. Horne Autryville	1,250.00	100.00	485.00		55.00	50.00		20.75	45.93	2,006,68
.Tart Roseboro	~~A. N. Alderman, Dunn~~ D W Tart Roseboro	550.00		20.00		200.00	25.00	80.00			875.00
Salemburg	C. L. Sykes Salemburg										

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	Superintendents And Post Offices	Secretaries and Post Offices Offices	Officers and Teachers.	Total Enrolled.	Average attendance for the year.	Total of Beginners, Primaries and Juniors	Is the School Graded?	Is it Standard A 1?	Teachers Holding Diplomas.	Teachers Holding Seals.	Number of Organized Classes.	Baptisms from School.	Contributed to Local Expenses.	Contributed to Missions.	Total of all Contributions.
Antioch	L. W. Starling, Godwin	Lena Pope, Dunn, R. 4.	9	80	50		yes				1	6	$ 62.84	$ 25.44	$ 88.28
Autryville	L. M. Cooper, Autryville	M. J. Naylor, Autryville	10	117	75	52	yes				2	20	75.00		75.00
Baptist Ch.	L. R. Williams, Autryville	Ila M. Jackson, Cooper	6	86	80	63					6				
Browns															
Beulah	J. M. Laughon, Benson	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn	8	83	73	45					4	15			
Clement	A. I. Matthews, Autryville	Irma Matthews, Autryville	9	164	90	83			1		2	1	11.83	11.59	23.43
Center	D. W. Royal, Wade	R. T. Geddie, Wade	14	80		35									
Concord	J. O. Davis, Autryville	Lucile Jackson, Autryville	7											4.64	4.64
Corinth	Julius Holland, Clinton	Leola Butler, Clinton	6	128									18.00		
Elizabeth	Arthur Porter, Roseboro	Ada Faircloth, Roseboro	8	123	80	42							12.74		
Godwin															
Hick'y Gr.	I. T. McLamb, Clinton	Carrie Strickland, Clinton	8	121	80	73					4	17			17.83
Harmony	R. E. Hobbs, Roseboro	Mary Rich, Parkersburg	9	51	40										
Long Br.	J. F. Sessoms, Autryville	Hosea Autry, Autryville	7	82	40	31						3			
Mary's Ch.	J. G. Daughtry, Clinton	Flonnie Bass, Clinton	8	75	49	30									
Mill Creek	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro	Eva Sessoms, Roseboro	3	40	25										
Mints	Evander Simpson, Roseboro	Mary Butler, Roseboro	6	66	25	30							15.00		15.00
Mingo	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	Vada Jackson, Dunn	8	141	77	61	yes		3			16	45.00		45.00
Mt. Elam	H. H. Warren, Salemburg	Olive Williams, Cooper	9	149	120	36					5	22	36.68		
Mt. Vernon	M. A. Gainey, Clinton	Hubert Pope, Moltonville	5	80	40	45							10.00	3.30	13.30
Piney Gr.	Chas. Edwards, Salemburg	Georgiana Royal, Salemburg	7	72	50						2		24.08		
Pl. Union	W. A. Sewell, Haynes	Nanie Goolrich, Roseboro	6	106	100	95						1	22.60		
Roseboro	J. A. Barker, Roseboro	J. G. Dunn, Roseboro	9	160	111						2	6	417.61	32.30	449.91
Salemburg	J. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	12	340	260		yes				9	30	146.18	43.18	251.99
Spring Br.	A. T. Dixon, Dunn	F. L. Williofrd, Dunn	16	260	150		yes	yes	9	4	7				
Union Gr.	Otha Williams, Autryville	Hosie Williams, Autryville	6	91		52									
White Oak	T. J. Wilson, Clinton	Orville Herring, Clinton	8	91	57	40					5		11.60		11.60

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OFFICERS

J. M. PAGE, MODERATOR .... AUTRYVILLE, N. C.
D. M. WILLIFORD, CLERK AND TREASURER...... DUNN, N. C.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be set on 5th Sunday in March, 1924, when Consolidation Committee meets and makes their final report.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev W. J. Jones	Salemburg, N. C.
Rev. R. Honeycutt	Clinton, N. C.
Rev. D. W. Tew	Clinton, N. C.
Rev. J. O. Tew	Roseboro, N. C.
Rev. C. B. Horne	Roseboro, N. C.
~~Rev. M. W. Naylor~~	~~Dunn, N. C.~~
Rev. G. A. Bain	Dunn, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

D. M. Williford, Charirman,	Dunn, N. C.
H. G. Sessoms, Clerk	Dunn, N. C.
W. R. Warren	Salemburg, N. C.
J. H. Warren	Salemburg, N. C.
S. A. Howard	Salemburg, N. C.
R. A. Butler	Clinton, N. C.
John L. Williams	R. F. D. 4, Dunn, N. C.

Program, place, etc., will be sent out after the committee meeting on fifth Sunday in March.

TO CLERKS AND TREASURERS:

Moneys collected during the year for State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Relief, Ministerial Education, with all the objects of the Convention, may be sent direct to Walters Durham, Raleigh, N. C., or may be sent along with associational mission money to the Union or to the Association, stating in each case the amount, the object and the church, keeping a record of the same to be reported in your letter to the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

Roseboro, N. C., Oct. 24, 1923.

Wednesday morning, Oct. 24, 1923, according to invitation and appointment, the South River Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Roseboro in its Forty-Seventh annual communication.

11:00 o'clock A. M.—Introductory Sermon. Because of sickness in his family, Bro E. N. Johnson could not preach the sermon, and Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, President of Meredith College, used that hour by giving us an excellent address on Christian Education.

12:00 M.—Organization. On motion, Bro. J. M. Page, present incumbent, is reelected as Moderator for ensuing year. Also Bro. D. M. Williford is by motion re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

12:30 P. M.— Dinner.

1:30 P. M.— Return to the house for business. Moderator called the Association to order. The Clerk being absent, Bro W. J. Jones acted as clerk the first day of association. The Moderator appoints the following committees on digest of letters: Brethren G. Scott Turner and D. W. Tart. On Finance: Brethren J. S. Johnson, G. A. Bain and Sister J. Abner Barker. Committee to nominate Executive Board: Brethren E. A. Jackson, W. J. Butler and Edgar Naylor. Committee to arrange program: Sisters W. J. Jones and W. J. Butler and Bro. H. Pipkin. Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention: Brethren J. O. Tew and A. E. Alderman and Sister D. W. Tart. Auditing Committee: Bros. A. L. Butler and Roy Carter and Sister Lolita Robertson. Visitors recognized: Bro. and Sister David Breece, Bro. and Sister A. E. Martin, Bro. C. W. Smith, Dr. Chas. T. Brewer, President Meredith College, Bro. Webb Culbreth of M. E. Church.

The work of reports begun. Bro. G. A. Bain reports on the Biblical Recorder. Report is discussed by Bro. Bain and Bro. Martin Page. On motion report is adopted. Bro. W. J. Jones read report on Ministerial Relief written by Bro. M. W. Naylor. Brethren W. J. Jones and G. A. Bain spoke on this report. On motion report is adopted. Mrs. W. J. Jones moved that a committee be appointed to secure a present for all the old ministers in the association, this present to be given at Christmas. This motion was carried unanimously by the association. Mrs. J. Abner Barker, Mrs. Lolita Robinson and Mrs. D. W. Tart were appointed to look after securing these presents. A committee was appointed to meet with a committee from the Cumberland Association for the purpose of uniting with the South River, as follows: Rev. G. A. Bain, Rev. W. J. Jones, S. A. Howard, A. E. Alderman and J. O. Tew.

The Executive Committee, South River Baptist Association:

Brethren:

As Clerk of the committee appointed by the Cumberland and the South River Baptist Associations, I respectfully submit a report of the proceedings of our joint meeting, and ask that you call a special meeting of the Association on the next fifth Sunday meeting as suggested below:

The committee from the two associations met at Roseboro Baptist church on the evening of October 24, 1923.

The delegates from Cumberland were introduced. Two of the Cumberland delegates were unavoidably absent.

South River was represented by G. A. Bain, W. J. Jones, A. E. Alderman, S. A. Howard, J. O. Tew.

Cumberland was represented by F. A. Marsh, — Jones, G. S. Turner.

Brother Bain was elected chairman; Bro. Turner, clerk.

A motion that the two associations unite was carried unanimously. The clerk was instructed to prepare a tentative constitution from the constitutions of the two associations, same to be presented for action to the first joint meeting of the two associations.

The clerk was instructed to ask the executive committees of the two associations to call a meeting of their respective associations on Saturday before the next fifth Sunday for the purpose of granting letters to the churches to the new association, and for the purpose of attending to any other business that may arise.

It was decided on motion that on the Saturday before the second fifth Sunday a meeting (the first of the new association) be held and churches presenting letters be received into its membership and organization be effected, a constitution adopted, and such other matters as may be necessary attended to.

On motion it was decided that Autryville Baptist church be asked to entertain this meeting, as it is one of the most centrally located churches.

On motion it was decided to recommend that the name South River be retained if this will give satisfaction to all the churches concerned, but the committee wished to state that it does not want this name unless it is the pleasure of the brethren. The reason that this name is suggested is that the South river is the dividing line between the two associations.

Brother Jones made a few suitable remarks, expressing his joy at the proposed union.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

G. SCOTT TURNER, *Clerk.*

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30.

Devotional exercises, by Bro. A. E. Alderman, by reading part of the 19th chapter of Genesis. Song service and prayer. Association is called to order by Moderator. General order of business was taken up. First on the program is Home Missions, by Rev. W. J. Jones. This subject is presented and ably discussed by Bro. Jones. On motion report is adopted.

THE BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

From that day to the present it has been the outstanding agency of the denomination for winning frontiers, both extensive and intensive, for bringing the lost to Christ, and for establishing and building up churches.

If the gifts from all the churches the Board's missionaries have organized or at some time aided toward strength, were counted out, it would take away not less than half of the present contributions to all objects in the Southern Baptist Convention.

As the years have passed, intensive effort has been increased without weakening the extensive reach of the Board's work. In addition to being the first denominational board in America, in point of the number of converts led to Christ by its missionaries, it has developed among the Southern highlanders the ranking system of Christian schools for the secondary education of belated sections of our population. At the same time it has established schools for foreigners, and added to its work for negroes an increasing service of Bible instruction.

In its Enlistment Department, cooperating with the State Boards, it has in recent years created an unequalled agency for helping our rural churches to come into that fuller life and service, which will be necessary if we are to spiritualize and dominate for Christ the great Southern rural life of the future.

The Board has a Church Building Loan Department, with $2,000,000 to loan in helping needy churches to secure houses of worship. A successful mission work is conducted in Cuba and Panama. The Indians and negroes are cared for by adapted spiritual activities. A splendid sanatorium for tubercular patients is conducted at El Paso, Texas. The establishment of a great hospital in New Orleans is now in process.

The work since 1903, which covers the period of the administration of Dr. B. D. Gray, the present Corresponding Secretary, has been twice as large as that for the preceding fifty-eight years.

The appropriation of the Board for the fiscal year 1920-1921 reached the great total of above $2,000,000. This advance is the response of Southern Baptists and their Board to the supreme challenge to Home Missions presented by the universal ferment and unrest which has followed the World War.

The American Christian statesmen have in the strongest terms asserted the primacy of American Home Missions. The strongest word they have uttered must be multiplied many times to express the urgency of the creed as it exists today.

Southern Baptists are alert and determined by the blessing of God; they are ready to do more than " their part " to hold this great Republic for Christ and for freedom.

Baptist Home Mission Board, 1001 Healey Building, Atlanta, Ga.

W. J. JONES.

Next on program is State Missions, by Bro. G. Scott Turner. Bro. Turner read report and suggested that Bro. A. C. Hamby was present, representing our State Board, and for lack of time for discussion on this subject, it is moved and carried that this report be discussed by Bro. Hamby at 2 o'clock P. M.

Miss Macy Cox, representing the W. M. S. in the Eastern Association, is recognized just now, and on motion is given the time for Foreign Missions.

Miscellaneous.—List of churches called, and the following churches responded by letter, Baptist Chapel, Corinth, Elizabeth, Godwin, Long Branch, Pleasant Union, Beulah.

11:00 A. M.— Missionary Sermon. Bro. L. E. N. Freeman is not present, and Bro. T. H. King, from the Eastern Association, preached the Missionary Sermon, that was enjoyed by all present. Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00 o'clock P. M.— Devotional services by Bro. J. A. Turlington, from Luke's Gospel, 17th chapter. Association was called to order by Moderator. First was address by Brother A. C. Hamby on State Missions. On motion the report on State Missions is adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This report is based on the Annual of the last meeting of the Baptist State Convention. Dr. Chas. E. Maddry is Secretary of the State Board of Missions, with offices at Raleigh. The work may be divided as follows:

1. Department of Missionary — pastoral assistance.

The Board has employed 202 misionaries this year, at a total cost of $56,342.53. 356 churches have been served, 12 churches have been organized, there have been 3,845 baptisms, 12 new church houses have been built, over $89,000 have been paid on pastors' salaries. Much money has been collected for our various denominational activities.

2. Department of Enlistment and Country Churches.

A. C. Hamby is Superintendent of this Department, which has for its purpose the enlistment of our churches and all their members in our denominational activities, the teaching of stewardship, and the development of the country churches. We rejoice that our denomination is awakening more and more to the needs and possibilities of our country churches.

3. Department of Sunday Schools.

Brother E. L. Middleton is in charge of this department. This department strives with great success for the development of more Sunday schools, bigger Sunday schools and better Sunday schools. Many teacher training schools have been held, and we are glad to learn that the number of A1 Sunday schools is steadily growing.

4. The Department of Young People's Unions.

Secretary Morgan is in charge of this department, which strives for the organization of new B. Y. P. U.'s and the development of those already organized. It has been the experience of the writer of this report that more good in the development of Christian workers is accomplished by the B. Y. P. U. societies than by any other department of our churches.

5. Department of Women's Missionary Unions.

Mrs. W. M. Jones is President of this Department, and Miss Mary Warren is Secretary. As usual this organization has accomplished a great work. A more detailed report is not given, as we presume the society will present a report of its own work.

6. Department of Evangelism.

A little more than a year ago the Department of Evangelism was organized, with Herman T. Stevens as Superintendent. There are four evangelists employed, and under them there have been 1,628 services conducted, 1,461 baptisms, 2,023 additions to churches. Many tracts have been distributed, Bibles and religious books sold, and money collected for the various causes fostered by the denomination.

7. Department of Church Building.

This department aids in the building of churches at places where the churches are unable to build a house for themselves, and at strategic centers, such as our great schools and colleges. The requests for aid are always greatly in excess of the amount the Board has at its disposal for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

G. SCOTT TURNER, *Committee.*

Next is report on Foreign Missions, by Bro. A. P. Howard. On motion report is adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is no longer possible for a Christian to think or talk of the world situation without doing so in terms of Christian Missions. Neither the League of Nations, nor the World Court, nor Prohibition, nor any other movement, will bring world peace unless Christ first be enthroned in the hearts of men.

Christianity is the one indispensable thing that the world must have.

As God chose Israel to be the center of religious influence in its day, so today America is the center of Christian influence.

Do we realize the call of God in the Great Commission? And do we have a vision of the lost world?

Southern Baptists have said they will undertake to give the gospel to nearly one-third of the human race. Now, will we watch them die without the gospel? Last year we spent $33,000,000 on our work at home, and only $1,750,000 on the non-Christian world. We spent twenty times as much at home as for all the outside world. The whole heathen world is now facing Chaos or Christ. Many hundreds of prepared Christian workers are ready to go to the foreign fields, but they cannot go for lack of money. Nearly $1,000,000 debt is now on the Foreign Mission Board. And we are paying over $75,000 interest per year on borrowed money.

Can we face the 900,000,000 heathen in the judgment, not having done our best to save them? It will take prayer, vision, inspiration, organization, information, co-operation, persistence, loyalty to truth, and the power of the Spirit to reach our aim by the end of the Campaign.

A World Mission passion is the surest antidote for worldliness. And the supreme task of the future is the Foreign Mission task.

The Shantung Province in China, and Europe, are the world's greatest mission fields today.

In the University of El Azar there are 10,000 Mohammedans who are preparing to give without pay the faith of Islam to Africa. Shall we let them surpass us in our zeal to give the gospel to the lost?

We can never hope to extend God's kingdom in keeping with our opportunity until we know the great facts and fields of missionary endeavor. The main problem before the Church is making the church missionary. And neither money, nor zeal, nor organization can atone for a church that sets in a second place the last Great Command of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. HOWARD.

Miscellaneous business is taken up. Bro. J. M. Starling makes report as to conditions in Godwin church. They are not financially able to secure a preacher for the place, and ask help from the association in getting aid from the State Board to secure a preacher for the Godwin church.

Mrs. S. A. Howard is present and makes a short talk in the interest of our Foreign Mission Journal.

Orphanage report is next, by Mrs. W. J. Jones. Mrs. Jones and Rev. T. H. King very ably discussed this report. On motion report is adopted. Report to be sent to Clerk for his minutes. (This report was not sent to Clerk.)

Program committee report that they will furnish this report after the Consolidation Committee meets at Harmony and Autryville.

Moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30 A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Friday morning, 9:30 A. M.— Devotional exercises by Bro. D. W. Tart. After song service and prayer, Moderator called association to order.

First on program is Sunday School. This report is spoken on by Bro. G. Scott Turner, Bro. J. O. Tew, Bro. W. J. Jones, Bro. G. A. Bain, and the Moderator in conclusion requests that Bro. Barker send a written report to the Clerk for his minutes.

Resolution is offered by Rev. W. J. Jones in regard to community sings, as follows: Resolved, That the pastors and churches of the South River Association discourage the so-called sings, that have become an evil rather than a blessing to our churches and Sunday schools, and that each church and Sunday school be encouraged to train its choir to meet the spiritual needs of the Sunday school and the church equally, and that no church or Sunday school retain a leader who is not a professed Christian. On motion resolution is adopted.

Next on program is Temperance, by Bro. J. O. Tew, Discussed by Bro. Tew, Bro. J. S. Turner and G. A. Bain. Report is adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren: I believe that God's children should abstain from the use of all intoxicants. I furthermore believe that if Christians drink intoxicating liquors they will lose their influence and power for good in this world. Again, I believe that it is a sin to take a drink of liquor of any kind that will intoxicate, therefore the safe thing for Christians to do is to fight the whiskey traffic to the finish, and do all we can to make temperance possible to the ends of the earth. In conclusion, let me urge Christians to vote as they pray, irrespective of party lines.

Respectfully,
J. O. TEW, *Committee.*

REPORT ON OBITUARY.

Report on Obituary, by Mrs. J. Abner Barker. After report is read by Mrs. Barker, Rev. W. J. Jones makes a motion, same was carried, that we pause for a while to memorialize the memory of Rev. J. W. Cobb. The following are a few of the names of those who have been claimed by death: A. M. Butler, Mrs. Charlie Matthews, Mr. James Collins, J. J. Highsmith, I. T. McLamb, Elliott Sykes, H. J. Duncan, Mrs. J. M. House, Freeman Bass, Marshall Hair, Charley Carroll, Mrs. G. L. Bagget, Mrs. Bell Naylor, Rev. H. W. Cain.

"In the midst of life we are in death." This should be a constant reminder to each and every one of us. Since we last met, God has seen fit to remove from our midst a number of our loved ones and friends, old and young. He has called them to their reward. While here on earth they made life pleasant for those with whom they associated, they stood by the Church in all its activities, and helped to bear the burdens and sorrows of those who needed them; but God had a purpose in removing them to His heavenly home. Their going should make the ties stronger to help those who need us, and to be faithful to every cause which means the advancement of Christ's kingdom here on earth. Let us be up and doing while we have time and opportunity.

This calls to mind a poem written by Rev. W. A. Humphrey.

I am waiting for my summons;
  I long to hear Him call;
I want to see my Savior,
  And at His feet I'll fall.

Then labors will be ended,
  Sorrows be no more,
In His peaceful presence
  On that happy, golden shore.

To loved ones left behind me,
  So loving, kind and true,
  I bid you look to Jesus,
  And He will lead you through.

"A sinner saved by grace,"
  On my tombstone you will see;
My body in the grave will lie,
  But my spirit will be free.

My parting words to you are this:
  Do not weep, nor grieve nor cry;
But kindly wait the Master's call
  And meet me in the sky.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Report of Executive Board is submitted by Bro. D. M. Williford. Very little has been done by the board during the year. The following churches have received aid: Beulah, Brown's and Harmony. Bro. D. W. Tart, Digest of Letters, submits report of digest of letters as follows:

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATTION, DIGEST OF LETTERS.

There were twenty-six letters presented to the association. The names of the churches presenting these letters are as follows:

Antioch, Autryville, Baptist Chapel, Brown's, Beulah, Clement, Center, Concord, Corinth, Elizabeth, Godwin, Hickory Grove, Harmony, Long Branch, Mary's Chapel, Mill Creek, Mints, Mingo, Mt. Elam, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Union, Roseboro, Salemburg, Spring Branch, Union Grove and White Oak.

The following is a summary of the work of these churches for the year:

Baptisms for year	233
Other additions	105
Total additions	338

Amount paid for local expenses	$20,171.60
Amount paid for 75 Million Campaign	6,016.19
Total	$$26,187.79

Totals:

Churches represented	26
Churches without pastor	2
Total membership	3,529
Total additions	338
Total contributions	$26,187.79

G. S. TURNER,
D. W. TART, *Committee.*

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Finance report as follows: We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to report that we have received with the letters sent up to this association:

Home Missions	$ 28.00
Foreign Missions	51.97
Associational Missions	44.00
State Missions	40.00
Ministerial Relief	15.50
Undesignated Missions	46.00
Christian Education	5.53
Orphanage	97.97

Minute Fund	48.45
Total sent up	$377.42

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL S. JOHNSON,
G. A. BAIN,
MRS. J. ABNER BARKER, *Committee.*

Committee to nominate Executive Board report that they nominate the old Board, as follows: D. M. Williford, H. G. Sessoms, J. H. Warren, W. R. Warren, R. A. Butler, S. A. Howard, John L. Williams.

Committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention submits their report as follows: Rev. W. J. Jones, delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, and Bro. J. Abner Barker and Mrs. J. Abner Barker and W. J. Jones to Baptist State Convention, and Rev. G. A. Bain as member of State Board.

Respectfully,

J. O. TEW,
A. E. ALDERMAN,
MRS. D. W. TART, *Committee.*

Treasurer submits report from Oct. 20, 1922, to Oct. 26, 1923, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SOUTH RIVER ASSOCIATION FROM OCT. 20, 1922, TO OCT. 26, 1923.

Balance in hands of Treasurer	$ 3.09
Received from Finance Committee, Missions	208.59
Received from Finance Committee, Minute Fund	27.21
Received from cash collection, Minute Fund	11.30
Later, received from Rev. W. J. Jones, Minute Fund	12.00
Received from Mt. Elam church, Minute Fund	2.95
Received from Antioch church, Minute Fund	1.00
Dec. 29, 1922, Rec'd. from Union, Piney Green, Miss.	4.41
Apr. 1923, Received from S. S. Convention, Missions	22.23
July, 1923, Received from Union at Mt. Elam, Miss.	8.58
Oct. 26, 1923, Received from all sources for the year	$301.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash to Walters Durham	$214.12
By cash to Thomasville Orphanage	29.69
By cash to Pope Printing Co, Minutes	64.00
By cash to Clerk, services, postage, etc.	31.60
Oct. 26, 1923, Total paid out	$339.41
Oct. 26, 1923, Amount due Clerk to balance	38.05

This October 26, 1923.

D. M. WILLIFORD,
Treasurer South River Association.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Antioch: S. T. Starling, J. F. McCorquodale, J. L. Williams, Meta Starling.

Autryville: Z. V. Spell, S. J. Faircloth, J. A. Naylor.

Baptist Chapel: J. E. Page, R. A. Wrench, J. T. Jackson, R. B. Bass, A. Daniels.

Brown's: D. A. Bass.

Beulah: G. G. Barefoot, L. H. Moore, A. V. Parker.

Center: H. E. Matthews, L. I. Williams, J. C. Lockamy.

Clement: J. R. Page, O. D. Matthews, Percy Page, A. R. Bullard.

Concord: J. O. Davis, C. W. Nunnery, E. W. Jackson.

Corinth: J. A. Royal, A. D. Lockerman, W. A. Royal.

Elizabeth: J. H. Porter, Preston Branch, A. W. Williamson.

Godwin: J. M. Starling, P. R. Pope, Robert Pope.

Hickory Grove: B. F. Weeks, S. B. Strickland, Otto Strickland.

Harmony: R. E. Hobbs, James Rich, Anderson Holland.

Long Branch: Sion Home, Anderson Hall, Laudie McLaurin.

Mary Chapel: J. I. Gainey, J. G. Daugherty, J. A. Fort.

Mill Creek: J. A. Horne, W. D. Lemas, H. W. Sessoms.

Mints: Charlie Butler, Mary Carter.

Mingo: Eddie Aman, L. H. Carroll, I. E. Barefoot, E. A. Jackson.

Mt. Elam: Ebern Baggett, D. M. Warren, G. Autry, Opheus Warren, W. R. Strickland.

Mt. Vernon: Hubert Pope, G. F. Barbery, Claud Brock.

Piney Green: C. S. Edwards, S. B. Porter, J. Hudson, A. G. Spell, M. A. Butler.

Pleasant Union: A. B. Simmons, W. R. McKenzie, M. S. Sessoms.

Roseboro: C. L. Fisher, G. W. Butler, D. W. Tart, Mrs. J. A. Barker.

Salemburg: Mrs. C. S. Royal, Mrs. I. S. Royal, Haywood Howard, Roy Carter, B. B. Warren.

Spring Branch: T. C. Gilbert, Edgar Naylor, A. E. Alde[illegible]man, T. H. Hinson, D. R. Warren.

Union Grove: Randall Williams, Amos Williams, R. C. Howard, Enoch Royal.

White Oak: T. J. Wilson, Percy Owens, Henry Crumpler.

On motion a vote of thanks is extended by a rising vote to the good people of Roseboro, and community as well, for their very kind hospitality shown us while here at this association.

J. M. PAGE, *Moderator,*
D. M. WILLIFORD, *Clerk.*

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the South River Baptist Association.

Article 2. The object of this Assocaition shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men and the means of accomplishing this shall be a strict conformity with the New Testament.

Article 3. The Association shall be composed of the ordained ministers having care of churches and holding membership in the Association and of delegates chosen by churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates. Provided, that any church having more than one hundred members and less than two hundred shall be entitled to one additional delegate; and any church having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed to benevolent purposes during the year.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by ballot from among the members of the churches composing this Association, by a majority of the members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body to enforce an observance of the constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under consideration, after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes among the churches, and he shall be required to keep a file of the Minutes.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same for the objects stated. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Article 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Board of seven members who shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and such other objects as may be entrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid by them by the Treasurer of the Association for those object under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body, and the members of this board shall be answerable to the Association for their acts, and shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

Artice 10. Any church desiring to become a member shall present the petition to the annual session of this body through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association should consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Article 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to preserve Gospel order, but shall not entertain any charge against any church unless it is brought in through the church.

Article 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to and extend to them all the privileges of delegates except that of voting.

Article 13. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November at such a place as the Association may select.

Article 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory and a Missionary sermon.

Artilce 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The annual W. M. U. meeting of the South River Association was held at Mingo Baptist church, Saturday, Nov. 3, 1923, with Mrs. C. S. Royal, our efficient Superintendent, presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Allen Gilbert. The address of welcome was given by Miss Jackson. Response by Mrs. W. J. Jones of Salemburg.

The roll of the churches was called, and delegates from the different churches responded with reports. The reports showed that good work is being done in the different churches of the association. The financial report was given by the Superintendent, as follows:

Corinth	$ 3.35
Brown	2.00
Hickory Grove	26.75
Mingo	135.72
Mt. Vernon	6.00
Roseboro	99.30
Salemburg	225.68
Spring Branch	164.00
Union Grove	7.74
White Oak	55.00
Y. W. A.	
Salemburg	23.70
Spring Branch	238.30
SUNBEAMS.	
Roseboro	6.05
Elizabeth	.36
Salemburg	21.93
White Oak	3.58
Spring Branch	27.10
R. A.	
Salemburg	5.63
Total	$1,052.74
Christian Education	600.00
	$1,652.74

A suggestion was given by the Superintendent to put mission study in all the churches, which was accepted, and plans for carrying this out were discussed. Then a very interesting report on the 75 Million Campaign was given by Mrs. Barker of Roseboro.

A vocal solo was then given by Miss Tubie Horne of Pineland School, which was enjoyed by all.

After this Miss Mary Warren gave a very interesting address on "Victory."

Miss Marjorie Spence of Pineland School gave a very beautiful and inspiring talk on the Louisville Training School.

After different committees were appointed the morning session closed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened with a song and devotional exercises led by Miss Eva Baggett, who used for her subject "Tithing."

Miss Mary Warren explained the Standard of Excellence Chart and the Sunbonnet Baby. Mrs. S. A. Howard spoke on our Mission Literature, and how necessary it is that we study and know more about missions.

We had several very interesting talks by a number of the Pineland School girls: Miss Lillie Faircloth, who used for her subject "Home and State Missions," which was very helpful. Miss Hortense Honeycutt spoke on "Social Service." After a vocal solo by Miss Tubie Horne, Miss Eunice Allen spoke very beautifully on "How to Build Up a Country Church."

Mrs. W. J. Jones gave a very helpful talk on "The Needs of the Country Church." After hearing the report from the committee on the election of officers, the meeting adjourned.

TABLE I.—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Treasurer and Postoffice	Value of Church Property	Gains				Losses			Total Membership	Time of Preaching
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death		
Antioch	H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive	J. L. Williams, R. 4, Dunn	S. T. Starling, R. 1, Dunn	$....	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	96	.. ..
Autryville	....	Mrs. E. T. Sessoms, Autryv	I. L. Vinson, Autryville	3000	12	6	..	..	2	..	..	165	.. ..
Baptist Chapel	H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive	C. M. Tew, Cooper	J. W. Page, Cooper	2200	3	1	1	..	1	1	4	279	1st Sunday
Brown's	J. W. Bell, Faison	D. A. Bass, Clinton	....	1000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	2nd Sunday.
Beulah	G. A. Bain, Dunn	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn		1000	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	87	4th Sunday.
Clement	W. M. Page, Buie's Crk.	J. B. Page, Wade	A. R. Bullard, Autryville	3500	16	5	..	..	2	..	..	188	3rd Sunday.
Center	G. S. Turner, Stedman	J. T. Williams, Wade	W. A. Royal, Wade	1200	24	2	2	..	3	..	..	142	1st Sunday.
Concord	J. S. Johnson, Cedar Cr.	L. V. Haire, Autryville	....	2000	10	10	2	..	3	..	2	175	1st Sunday.
Corinth	G. A. Bain, Dunn	M. T. Crumpler, Clinton	M. T. Crumpler, Clinton	1000	24	7	..	1	4	..	..	128	1st Sunday.
Elizabeth	J. S. Johnson, Cedar Cr.	A. H. McLemore, Roseboro	Luther Porter, Roseboro	2500	7	4	1	3	5	..	1	137	4th Sunday.
Godwin	....	J. H. Pope, Godwin	J. H. Pope, Godwin	2600	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	54	.. ..
Hickory Grove	J. S. Johnson, Cedar Crk	J. R. Strickland, Clinton	J. H. Warren, Salemburg	1000	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	118	2nd Sunday.
Harmony	J. W. Bell, Faison	Rebecca Holland	H. A. Beatty, Parkersburg	1000	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	3rd Sunday.
Long Branch	J. S. Johnson, Cedar Cr.	Daniel Currie, Autryville	A. D. Hall, Autryville	1000	20	3	..	..	3	3	1	126	3rd Sunday,
Mary's Chapel	W. R. Stephens, Delway	J. G. Daughtry, Clinton	W. J. Johnson, Clinton	1200	..	..	..	..	4	5	..	24	2nd Sunday.
Mill Creek	....	J. A. Horne, Roseboro	....	800	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	53	.. ..
Mints	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	Leola Butler, Roseboro	H. C. Johnson, Roseboro	1000	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	1st and 3rd.
Mingo	E. N. Johnson, Dunn	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	E. A. Jackson, Dunn	2000	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	110	2nd Sunday.
Mt. Elam	G. A. Bain, Dunn	W. R. Strickland, Cooper	Ira Baggett, Salemburg	4000	2	2	..	1	5	2	..	212	3rd Sunday.
Mt. Vernon	H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive	M. A. Gainey, Clinton	T. M. Pope, Moltonville	1500	1	2	..	..	6	6	..	70	2nd Sunday.
Piney Green	H. Pipkin, Mt. Olive	Braxton Fann, Salemburg	C. H. McLamb, Salemburg	2400	13	..	4	..	2	2	3	290	2nd Sunday.
Pleasant Un.	C. B. Horne, Roseboro	J. E. Horne, Autryville	J. E. Horne, Autryville	.....	2	3	1	..	2	1	..	120	.. ..
Roseboro	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	D. W. Tart, Roseboro	12000	19	7	1	..	11	..	1	188	1st and 3rd.
Salemburg	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	Mrs. I. S. Royal, Salemburg	Mrs. O. P. White, Salemburg	7600	50	27	..	2	7	..	2	324	2nd and 4th.
Spring Branch	J. A. Campbell, Buie's Cr.	D. M. Williford, Dunn	A. E. Alderman, Dunn	6000	11	3	..	..	12	..	3	398	1st and 3rd.
Union Grove	J. O. Tew, Roseboro	R. C. Howard, Autryville	R. C. Howard, Autryville	1000	7	3	1	..	7	..	1	113	4th Sunday.
White Oak	W. J. Jones, Salemburg	Fulton Crumpler	R. A. Butler, Clinton	1200	6	4	..	..	1	..	..	75	4th Sunday.

TABLE II.—FINANCIAL. Local.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Other Salaries	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Expenses	Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects	HOME TOTAL
Antioch	$240.00	$71.43	$.....	$......	$....	$37.00	$....	$2.00	$15.50	$365.93
Autryvl	500.00	......	130.00	800.00	.....	50.00	.....	4.00	......	1484.00
Bap Ch.	300.00	......	......	20.35	.....	......	7.70	2.00	......	329.05
Brown's	....	......	......	....	.....	......	.....	1.50	......	1.50
Beulah	125.00	38.00	......	....	.....	6.55	.....	1.30	......	170.85
Clement	250.00	50.00	......	....	.....	61.07	27.05	3.25	24.05	415.42
Center	255.00	......	70.00	....	2.95	24.00	.....	3.00	13.00	367.95
Concord	150.00	......	......	21.00	.....	20.00	.....	1.00	160.90	352.90
Corinth	150.00	......	84.00	....	.....	20.00	.....	3.40	......	257.40
Elizb'th	150.00	40.00	......	3.55	6.00	17.34	25.00	3.00	......	244.89
Godwin	....	......	......	192.25	.....	20.11	.....	1.00	25.00	238.36
Hick'ry	180.00	69.65	......	129.00	.....	......	.....	.....	......	378.65
Hrmny	75.00	......	24.33	....	5.00	9.48	.....	.....	18.50	132.31
Long B.	150.00	42.50	30.00	175.00	5.00	41.77	.....	1.35	40.00	485.62
Mary's	100.00	25.00	......	12.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	172.00
Mill Cr.	....	......	......	....	.....	12.00	.....	1.00	......	13.00
Mints. .	100.00	......	......	....	.....	12.00	.....	1.00	......	113.00
Mingo.	264.00	10.00	......	....	52.00	70.33	.73	2.00	175.00	574.06
Mt. El'm	218.25	......	95.00	174.03	.....	40.78	21.00	5.45	......	552.51
Mt. Vrn	150.00	......	40.00	....	2.00	10.00	3.25	1.25	2.35	208.85
Piney G.	275.00	......	......	436.98	5.00	22.76	.....	2.00	......	741.74
Pl. Un.	100.00	......	32.25	10.00	4.00	......	.....	1.00	......	159.25
Rosebro	1200.00	......	50.50	497.25	38.50	206.76	79.00	2.00	137.50	2211.51
Sal'mbg	1250.00	......	220.74	7636.25	.....	272.02	60.00	.....	169.50	9608.51
Spr'g B.	550.00	......	181.00	......	115.00	108.00	.....	6.70	......	960.70
Union G.	150.00	......	......	100.00	.....	22.00	.....	2.00	......	274.00
W. Oak	150.00	......	62.57	....	5.50	13.50	23.76	1.25	......	256.58

TABLE II.—Contd. Denominational and Total

CHURCHES	75-Million (Undesignated)	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State and Associational Missions	Christian Education	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Benevolences	Denominational	Grand Total
Antioch	$	$5.78	$4.41	$15.25	$	$27.72	$2.00	$	$50.16	$416.09
Autryville									28.00	1512.00
Baptist Ch.		40.00	13.00	31.45		94.10	5.00		183.55	512.60
Brown's		5.00		12.60		5.00			22.60	24.10
Beulah	40.44								40.44	211.29
Clement	80.00								80.00	495.42
Center		10.00	10.00	20.00	3.00	40.00	4.00		87.00	454.95
Concord		2.52	2.00	6.78					11.30	364.20
Corinth	15.00								15.00	272.40
Elizabeth	57.93								57.93	302.82
Godwin						4.33			4.33	342.69
Hickory Gr.	124.00							11.85	135.85	514.50
Harmony			1.40			1.10			2.50	134.81
Long Brch										485.62
Mary's Chapel										172.00
Mill Creek				9.00				7.60	16.60	29.60
Mints	11.40					12.50			23.90	136.90
Mingo	327.25		1.37	8.27		79.00			415.89	989.95
Mt. Elam				46.58		30.00			76.58	629.09
Mt. Vernon		2.00	2.00	2.00		2.00	.75		8.75	217.60
Piney Green						13.75			13.75	755.49
Pleasnt Un.		3.50	2.50	2.50		5.00	1.00		14.50	173.75
Roseboro	832.04					173.15			1005.19	2216.70
Salemburg	1243.51				1200.00	100.00		33.67	2577.18	12185.69
Spring Brch.	1025.77				100.00	220.00			1345.77	2306.47
Union Grove		37.65				20.00			57.65	331.65
White Oak	62.00					38.37		6.20	106.57	363.15

TABLE 3.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH	Superintendent and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	Enrollment Main School								Miscellaneous						
			Offcrs & Tchrs	Beginners 3-5	Primary 6-8	Junior 9-12	Intrm. 13-16	Snr. and Adult	Home Dept.	TOTAL	Is School Graded?	Is School Standard?	Nor. Diploma.	Bap. from S.S.	Contribns. for Home Exps.	Orphanage, Missions, etc.	Total Contributions
Antioch	..	..	10	10	12	18	20	30	..	100	Yes	No	2	..	$32.00	$10.00	$42.00
Autryville	L. M. Cooper Autryville	Mary Naylor, Autryville	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Baptist Chapel	N. T. Williams, Cooper	Delphia Hall, Cooper	10	..	..	30	30	30	..	100	..	..	..	3	40.70	..	40.70
Brown's	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Beulah	G. G. Barefoot, Dunn	Mrs. G. G. Barefoot, Dunn	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	No	..	..	3	..	..	..
Clement	J. B. Page, Wade	Viola Page, Wade	9	..	32	35	..	94	..	170	..	..	1	16	49.37	24.05	73.42
Center	D. W. Royal, Wade	R. T. Geddie, Wade	10	3	8	15	15	47	..	90	No	..	1	25	24.00	..	24.00
Concord	T. C. Davis, Autryville	Lucile Jackson, Autryville	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	20.00	..	20.00
Corinth	Aullie McLamb, Clinton	Ina Warren, Clinton	6	22	20	24	28	34	..	134	Yes	Yes	..	18	..	..	..
Elizabeth	Arthur Porter, Roseboro	Ada Faircloth, Roseboro	8	36	14	16	26	59	..	149	..	..	..	7	..	..	63.34
Godwin	J. M. Starling, Godwin	Robert Pope, Godwin	8	..	..	7	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	15.11	4.33	19.44
Hickory Gr.	J. H. Warren, Salemburg	Olive Gilbert, Clinton	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	110	..	..	..	..	25.87	..	25.87
Harmony	J. C. Rich, Parkersburg	J. L. Beatty, Parkersburg	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	..	..	9	..	..	..
Long Branch	M. F. Starling, Autryville	Ruby Tyndall, Autryville	7	..	21	34	32	12	..	99	..	Yes	..	20	41.77	..	41.77
Mary's Chapel	J. I. Gainey, Clinton	F. B. Lee, Clinton	7	14	6	8	6	21	..	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mill Creek	M. M. Sessoms, Roseboro	Eva Sessoms	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mints	Simeon Johnson	Mary Butler, Roseboro	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mingo	J. A. Baggett, Cooper	Vada Jackson, Dunn	9	8	15	22	19	27	5	105	Yes	Yes	13	..	70.32	89.37	159.69
Mt. Elam	N. D. Warren, Dunn	Olive Williams, Cooper	10	12	16	20	26	63	..	152	No	No	7	2	40.78	..	40.78
Mt. Vernon	M. A. Gainey, Clinton	Hubert Pope, Clinton	5	12	..	12	..	12	..	41	No	No	..	..	..	12.03	32.83
Piney Green	Jonah Hudson, Salemburg	Zola Taylor, Salemburg	10	..	..	100	..	59	..	169	No	No	..	11	22.76	3.82	26.58
Pleasant Un.	W. A. Seawell, Hayne	Nannie Barnes, Hayne	6	15	14	16	30	..	..	81	No	No	..	1	10.00	..	10.00
Roseboro	J. A. Barker, Roseboro	T. G. Dunn, Roseboro	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	160	No	..	6	13	206.76	175.15	379.91
Salemburg	I. A. Turlington, Salemburg	J. L. Holland, Salemburg	12	15	14	60	90	183	..	374	No	No	..	49	189.67	82.35	272.02
Spring Branch	D. R. Warren, Dunn	Fred L. Williford, Dunn	14	..	12	25	40	120	40	256	Yes	Yes	25	10	..	..	108.00
Union Grove	W. E. Hair, Orange	Maggie Howard, Autryville	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	No	No	..	7	11.47	..	11.47
White Oak	T. J. Wilson, Clinton	Percy Owens, Clinton	7	..	35	14	26	24	..	105	No	..	..	5	13.50	38.37	51.83